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Memorandum of Understanding

Between



West Bengal State University

(Barasat, North 24 Parganas)

And



Anthropological Survey of India

Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Kolkata

On

Cooperation for interdisciplinary research and educational initiatives

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (this 'MoU') is made and entered into on this 23rd of June, 2025 by and between

- (1) **West Bengal State University**, a statutory body established by the Government of West Bengal, having its registered office at Berunanpukuria, PO: Malikapur, Barasat, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal – 700126, (hereinafter referred to as 'WBSU', which expression shall, unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, be deemed to mean and include its successors in interest and permitted assigns) of the First Part; and...
- (2) **Anthropological Survey of India**, under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, having its registered Head Office at EN-79, Salt Lake City, Sector-V, Kolkata – 700091, West Bengal, India, acting through its Director at Head Office, Kolkata, hereinafter referred to as '**AnSI**', which expression shall unless it be repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, deemed to mean and include its successors in interest and permitted assigns) of the Second Part.

For this MoU, WBSU and AnSI will be referred to individually as a "**party**" and collectively as "**parties**".

Whereas:

- (A) West Bengal State University (WBSU) is a premier institution of higher education in West Bengal, dedicated to academic excellence, research, and the dissemination of knowledge. Established in 2008, WBSU oversees the advancement of higher education and research across various disciplines. The university operates under The West Bengal State University (Barasat, North 24 Parganas) Act, 2007, and is committed to fostering intellectual growth, innovation, and cultural development. Its primary focus includes promoting quality education, conducting interdisciplinary research, and contributing to the intellectual progress of the country.
- (B) The Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), established in 1945 under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, is a premier institution dedicated to anthropological research. With its headquarters in Kolkata and eight regional centres across India in at Mysuru, Nagpur, Udaipur, Dehradun, Port Blair and Shillong, AnSI conducts holistic studies on tribes and communities from both biological and cultural perspectives. Over seven decades, it has generated extensive data on India's diverse populations, integrating expertise in Cultural and Physical Anthropology, Human Ecology, Linguistics, Psychology, and other disciplines. Through advanced research, documentation, and dissemination via publications, conferences, workshops, and exhibitions, AnSI continues to contribute to human development and the preservation of India's bio-cultural heritage.

1. Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to define the terms and conditions, scope of work, and responsibilities of the parties involved in their collaboration on various interdisciplinary research and educational initiatives.

This MoU shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. Research and educational programs will be conducted on a need basis, either at West Bengal State University (WBSU), Barasat, or at the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), or at both institutions jointly, based on mutual agreement.

The 'MoU' may be extended or revised after every 5 years on mutual discussion between the two Institutes viz. WBSU and AnSI. Introduction of the research and education initiatives and progress thereupon would be reported to the EC and/or Court of the WBSU on a regular basis.

 

2. Financial arrangements:

No financial assistance from WBSU and/or from AnSI is required except the provision of scholarships/fellowships to students and researchers, when and if admissible. In case any financial assistance provided by WBSU or AnSI or jointly will be acknowledged properly.

3. Terms and Conditions:

It is mutually understood and agreed by and between the Institutes viz. WBSU and AnSI that:

1. Scientists/Faculty members and students of WBSU and AnSI may collaborate in various interdisciplinary research activities and may seek research funding from public and private funding agencies of national and/or international repute.
2. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually use and share research and education facilities and may jointly or independently supervise masters and/or PhD students.
3. WBSU and AnSI will collaboratively or independently conduct Ph.D. coursework, laboratory work, and student internship programs at the premises of either WBSU or AnSI, under the guidance of scientists and faculty members from both institutions.
4. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually conduct/host workshops, seminars, conferences for which certificates will be issued by WBSU to all candidates after successful completion of workshops, seminars, conferences (Co-signed by WBSU and AnSI).
5. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually conduct professional course/training program and certificates will be issued by WBSU to all candidates after successful completion of the professional course/training program (Co-signed by WBSU and AnSI).
6. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may collaborate on joint research publications and intellectual property rights (IPR)-related activities, ensuring proper institutional acknowledgment and authorship.
7. Scientists/Faculty members and students of WBSU and AnSI may exchange research findings, data, and academic materials, ensuring compliance with ethical guidelines and legal frameworks governing data protection and confidentiality.
8. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually organize guest lectures, invited talks, and academic exchange programs to foster knowledge-sharing and interdisciplinary learning.
9. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually apply for collaborative research projects, both at the national and international levels, to promote scientific advancements and academic excellence.
10. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually facilitate student and faculty exchange programs for short-term or long-term research visits, subject to institutional approval.
11. Scientists/Faculty members of WBSU and AnSI may mutually develop new academic programs, certificate courses, or diploma programs in emerging research areas, subject to approval from relevant academic and regulatory bodies.

Each party will designate a coordinator to manage and monitor the activities relating to the MoU, as follows:



For WBSU:

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Signed by representatives of the two institutions

Signed on behalf of the West Bengal State University

Signed on behalf of the Anthropological Survey of India

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<p><i>[Signature]</i> Sri Tapan Dutta Registrar, West Bengal State University Date: 23/6/25</p> <p>Registrar (Officially) West Bengal State University Barasat, Kolkata-700126</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> Professor B V Sharma Director, Anthropological Survey of India Date: 23/06/2025</p> <p>Director Anthropological Survey of India EN-79, Sector-V, Salt Lake City Kolkata-700091</p>

In witness whereof the parties hereto have signed this agreement on the 23rd June of 2025 mentioned herein before.

Parties for and on behalf of WBSU and the AnSI:

Signature authorized authority *[Signature]*
Name..... SUBIR BISWAS 23/6/25
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Witnesses (Name & Address)

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DR. ABHIJIT DAS

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Date 23.06.2025

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Signature of authorized authority
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DR. SHIV KUMAR PATEL

Date 23.06.2025