

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

*Between*

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Sardar Patel University,  
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Anand,  
Gujarat

Blind People's Association, 132  
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Gujarat



(With effect from January 15, 2022)

## Memorandum of Understanding

This MOU is entered on 08/12/2021 between Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University and Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

### Participation and Coordination

**Article 01:** The partnership shall initially be between the following:

1. Department of Social Work
  2. Blind People's Association, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Prof. (Dr.) S. D. Mishra, Director shall be the Coordinator from Department of Social Work, and Ms. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director or any other persons nominated by Ms. Nandini Rawal, Executive Director shall be the Coordinator from Blind People's Association. The participants and Coordinators may change from time to time as decided by competent authority of the respective institutions.

### Purpose of MOU:

**Article 02:** Exchange of information and sharing of experience- Representatives of both Parties should arrange joint meetings at regular intervals to exchange experiences in education and research and to prepare proposals for joint projects.

**Article 03:** Collaboration, Cooperation and Interaction- The Parties recognise the benefits to be derived from increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction for the purpose of promotion and understanding of high performance in awareness activities and organising various programmes including internships for students of MSW and MSW(HR) training/workshop/conference/seminars/conclave and engage them in different projects and other awareness activities.

**Article 04:** The purpose of this MOU is to define the areas for socio-academic aspects in which the parties desire to work together in the future for their mutual benefit to foster a collaborative frame work between Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University, and Blind People's Association in the field with a view to benefiting from each other's working procedure.

**Article 05:** Research- Interdisciplinary or multi-disciplinary research projects can be done in collaboration; where in the available resources from both the institutions can be utilised. The dissemination of research findings' will be decided by both the parties mutually. Joint publications with mutual consent also will be considered. They will also explore the possibilities of research in technology for distance and computer-based learning.

**Article 06: Fostering Virtual learning/hybrid learning-** The Parties will explore the possibility of formulating a virtual/hybrid education program based on the expertise available in both institutions.

**Article 07: Financing-** This agreement will be non-financial from both the parties. In course of time, if it is mutually agreed by both the parties, the remuneration could be paid for rendering the services by both the institutions.

**The Parties Intend to:**

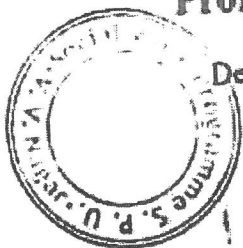
- Strengthen the ties between Blind People's Association and Department of Social Work to make collaborative efforts in the field of disability and Society especially with children and adolescents with respect to their Socio-Economical and health issues including their mental health, life skills and inclusive development related issues.
- Collaboration in awareness campaigns on Inclusiveness of Persons with disabilities in appropriate fields.
- Engage students in Field Work/Internship/Block Placement and may support for students' employability.
- Engage students in collaborative extension activities.
- Encourage students to conduct field action projects. The results of research findings dissemination will be decided by both the parties mutually.
- For sharing the field expertise by both the parties as Resource Persons in each other's institution or in the sister-concerned institutions or could be in association with other institutions.

**Mode of Operation:**

- Both the Parties will provide necessary support for effective implementation of the MOU within the institutional rules and procedures.
- This MOU shall be effective from the date it is signed by both the parties.



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