



SRI SRI ANIRUDDHADEVA  
**SPORTS**  
UNIVERSITY



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**(Academic Collaboration)**

**BETWEEN**

**KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY**  
**GUWAHATI, ASSAM**

**AND**

**SRI SRI ANIRUDDHADEVA SPORTS UNIVERSITY**  
**DIBRUGARH, ASSAM**

This memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on this, the **5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023**

**BETWEEN**

Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), the one and only Open University in the north east of India, established under the provision of the KKHSOU, Act' 2005 enacted by the Govt. of Assam & published in the Assam Gazette (extraordinary) dated 29/9/2005, through its Registrar, hereinafter referred to as "KKHSOU" (which term shall so far as the context admits be deemed to mean and include its successors and assignees), as the party of the first part;

**AND**

Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University, the first sports university in the north east region of India established by the Government of Assam in the city of Chabua, Dibrugarh. The university is focused on quality education in the area of sport sciences, physical education and its allied areas. It was established by the Act of Assam Legislative Assembly (No.LGL. 164/2018/7) which was received the assent of the Hon'ble Governor of Assam on 10th December 2018, through its Registrar hereinafter, referred to as "SSASU" (which term shall so far as the context admits be deemed to mean and include its successors and assignees), as the party of the second part;

**PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS** both University established by the state legislature and have the same mandate to cater to the educational aspiration of the people of respective jurisdictions.

**AND WHEREAS** both the Universities have developed UG, PG, Diploma and Certificate Programmes along with high-quality Learning Materials, Videos including e-text following the standard procedures set by the respective regulatory bodies.

**AND THEREFORE**, both the parties hereto, have decided for academic collaboration in sharing of academic programmes /resources generated for teaching learning activities including e-resources and video tutorials for natural benefit of the learners as per the following mutually agreed guidelines:

## **1. Description of both institutions:**

Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Assam has been established by the Assam Legislature Act of 2005. KKHSOU has been recognized under Section 2(f) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956. The University offers academic programmes through open and distance learning mode approved by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi. Its vision is to promote education to reach the unreached through the Open and Distance Learning System, with the motto of the University '*Education Beyond Barriers*' of age, academic background and geographical boundaries.

Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University, the first sports university in the north east region of India established by the Government of Assam in the city of Chabua, Dibrugarh. The university is focused on quality education in the area of sport sciences, physical education and its allied areas. It was established by the Act of Assam Legislative Assembly (No. LGL. 164/2018/7) which received the assent of the Hon'ble Governor of Assam on 10th December 2018. The primary aim of this university is to prepare top tier sports scientists, physical educationists and sports coaches and high-class researchers in the area of sport psychology, exercise science, sport bio-mechanics, sport medicine, sport physiotherapy and health education, sport technology and sport analytics.

### **Objective:**

The main objective of the joint collaboration is to enhance relations between the two Universities and to develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of education, research and other activities, agree to cooperate and work together towards the growth and development of higher education in the States.

### **Areas of collaboration:**

The parties will promote and cooperate in:

- i. Academic Exchange in the broad areas of mutual interest and related disciplines focusing blended and digital learning process.
- ii. R&D collaborations in the academic and ODL areas.



- iii. Assisting each other for the organization and / or participation in national and international symposia, conferences, specialized exhibitions and similar events taking place in the respective places.
- iv. Joint collaboration for promotion of OER and MOOCs
- v. Sharing technology for effective e-learning, m-learning and online student support services including evaluation of student's performance.
- vi. Sharing of self-learning materials, audio and video programmes, particularly e-learning resources, effective from the ' date of signing, which may be extended by mutual consultation and agreement.
- vii. Sharing of best practices in the field of programme design, development and deliver.
- viii. Promotion of Skill Development Programmes to boost employment opportunities for our learners, particularly the under-privileged groups
- ix. Joint collaboration for Faculty Development Programmes that will include classroom seminars and site visits which may include trips to Learner Support Centers, Regional Centers, historical places, museums, educational institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), villages, etc.
- x. Development, Adoption and Adaption of Academic Programmes and running the selected programmes mutually on agreed terms and conditions set by both parties. To begin with the following Diploma Level Programmes of SSASU will be run by the KKHSOU from January, 2024 session subject to administrative feasibility:
  - (i) Diploma in Sports Management
  - (ii) Diploma in Sports Nutrition
  - (iii) Diploma in Sports Journalism
  - (iv) Diploma in Yoga
- xi. KKHSOU and SSASU will jointly facilitate the students for Internship programmes /project work/exposure trips from time to time.
- xii. KKHSOU and SSASU shall collaborate to organize extension and outreach activities like Socio-economy & Welfare initiatives for neighbouring & rural communities. In this regard, SSASU will provide support by sending teachers,

NSS/NCC volunteers and students to do extension activities in all the adopted villages of KKHSOU.

- xiii. All other relevant activities of mutual interest to Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU) and Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University (SSASU).

#### **4. Administration**

- 4.1 The Authorized signatories of both KKHSOU and SSASU shall manage this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and all endeavors that derive from it. They (or their designated representatives) will be responsible for developing and carrying out a joint plan and submissions of regular reports on the implementation of this MoU. Any activity proposed that does not fit into the general terms of this MoU will be formally incorporated as an addendum to the implementation plan to this MoU, provided the addendum of the implementation plan is agreed to and signed by both parties.
- 4.2 For the purpose of facilitating the day-to-day implementation of this MoU, KKHSOU and SSASU agree to have regular communication and correspondence.
- 4.3 This MoU shall be effective and shall come into force upon signature of the authorized signatories of both the parties. It shall be subject to revision by written agreement between the two parties.
- 4.4 All the parties shall keep the respective communities informed of this MoU to draw benefits from it and to contribute towards its implementation in spirit and substance.

#### **5. Co-ordination and Review**

KKHSOU and SSASU shall hereby appoint "Coordinators" in their respective Universities who shall be responsible for coordinating all communication and directions for the implementation and execution of the MoU.

## **6. Effective Date and Duration**

The MoU shall take effect from the date of execution hereof and shall remain valid for Five (05) years. The MoU unless extended by mutual written agreement of the parties shall expire five years after the date specified above. Either party shall have the right to unilaterally terminate this MoU upon 60 (sixty) days with prior written notice to the other party.

## **7. Financial Provisions**

Sharing of expenditure shall be determined by the parties on a project-by-project basis and will be incorporated by reference as an addendum to this MoU or additional implementation plans.

## **8. Termination / Amendment of MoU**

- 8.1 Either party may terminate this MoU by written notification signed by the appropriate authority of the institution initiating the notice. However, the other party must receive such notification at least six months prior to the effective date of termination.
- 8.2 In the event of disagreement on any of the terms and conditions of this MoU, the expenditure incurred by the parties would remain on 'As is Where is condition'. This would be decided on a project-by-project basis.
- 8.3 In case of termination of the agreement it shall be binding on both parties to protect the interest of the students already enrolled in the programme(s). The students taking courses as part of an exchange at the partner institution should be allowed to continue till they complete the semester/programme or till the students complete the permissible duration of the programme whichever is earlier.

## **9. Confidentiality & ownership**

The parties shall ensure that no information/ document received from each other are made public without the formal approval of the partner.

## **10. Liability**



No party shall be held liable for any loss, damage, expense or any other liability caused on the part of other party in connection with the services rendered under this MoU and vice-versa.

#### **11. Force Majeure**

Neither of the parties hereto shall be liable for non-performance or delay in performance for causes due to force majeure. For the purpose of this MoU, force majeure is defined as cause beyond the control of the party affected including natural calamities, acts of terrorism, war and civil commotion etc.

#### **12. Dispute Redressal Mechanism**

Any dispute arising out of this agreement shall be resolved through mutual consultation between both parties. In case of failure to resolve the dispute through negotiation third party arbitration shall be adopted on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

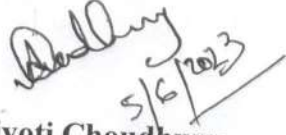
#### **13. Undertaking by KKHSOU and SSASU**

- 13.1 The parties hereto undertake to work closely and cooperate in the implementation of this MoU and to endeavor to resolve disputes arising between them in relation to this MoU by amicable means. Should this not be possible because of irreconcilable differences, this MoU may be terminated by mutual consent of the two parties.
- 13.2 The parties to this MoU or their authorized representatives acknowledge having read and understood the MoU and agree to remain bound by its terms and conditions.

#### **14. Intellectual Property Rights**

Intellectual Property developed by the joint efforts would be the joint property of the Parties. Any financial benefits or otherwise arising thereon would be shared proportionately by the parties in consonance with the efforts / inputs given by them.

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies in English at the place and on the date indicated below:

  
5/6/2023


**Dr. Arupjyoti Choudhury**  
**Registrar**

Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University  
(KKHSOU), Guwahati (SSASU), Dibrugarh

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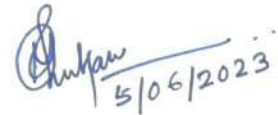
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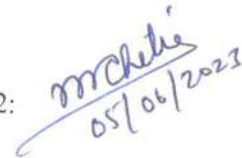
**Sri Partha Pratim Bairagi, ACS**  
**Registrar**

Sri Sri Aniruddhadeva Sports University  
Chabua, Dibrugarh, Assam

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5/06/2023

Witness 2:

  
05/06/2023

Witness 3: