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

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and executed on 16 January, 2015 at Haldwani, Uttarakhand.

Uttarakhand Open University, Haldwani, a University (hereinafter referred to as UOU) having its office at Uttarakhand Open University, University Road, behind T.P Nagar, Haldwani-263139, Nainital, Uttarakhand 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

Rehabilitation Council of India, (hereinafter referred to as RCI) a Statutory Body created by an Act of Parliament i.e. The Rehabilitation Council of India Act of 1992, having its office at B-22, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110 016 through its authorized signatory i.e. 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 to promote qualified

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Professionals / Personnel to serve Persons with Disabilities (PwD) within the jurisdiction of UOU and will abide by the following provisions to achieve the desired goals.

1. The UOU will collaborate with RCI in designing programme and development of multimedia for the Special Education courses (Distance Mode) and, will award Certificate/ Degree to the successful candidates.
2. RCI recognizes UOU as State Open University equipped for undertaking Special Education Courses through Distance Mode in Hindi & English medium. RCI will also extend technical expertise to UOU and its Study Centres through UOU.
3. UOU in collaboration with RCI will conduct the following courses through distance mode in the State of Uttarakhand till the validity of MoU. Keeping in view the United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and Right to Education (RTE) Act for promoting inclusive education, courses in Learning Disability (LD) may also be given emphasis by the UOU. Course wise allocations of seats to the University & Study Centres are as under :-

Sl.No.	Name of courses	Max. intake for all the courses	Duration	Intake per batch for each study centre	
				Min.	Max.
1.	B.Ed.-SEDE (MR)* B.Ed.-SEDE (HI)* B.Ed.-SEDE (VI)* B.Ed.-SEDE (LD)*	500	02 years	20	40
2.	PGPD-SEDE (MR)* PGPD-SEDE (HI)* PGPD-SEDE (VI)* PGPD-SEDE (LD)*	500	01 year	20	40
3.	PGPC-SE (MR)* PGPC-SE (HI)* PGPC-SE (VI)* PGPC-SE (LD)*	500	6 months	20	40
4.	FC-SEDE *	500	3 months	20	40

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5.	FCLD**	500	3 months	20	40
* Duration and course contents etc. of the B.Ed.-SEDE, PGPD-SEDE, PGPC & other courses may be revised by the Council in due course of time keeping in view of the change in the education scenario in the country. Programmes mentioned above (SI no.1 to 5) shall be launched on subject to development of SLM in light of the syllabi develop by RCI.					
**SLM for FC-LD shall be provided by the RCI.					

4. For existing courses, the faculty requirement and other infrastructural facilities, academic contents, eligibility conditions, and process of evaluation will be ensured by the UOU as prescribed by the RCI from time to time. UOU in consultation with RCI may also propose new programmes, which could be designed by team of experts appointed by RCI with two expert nominees of the UOU.
5. The academic contents, eligibility conditions, design development, and delivery of courses will be jointly worked out by RCI and UOU for each course keeping in view of the change in education scenario in the country.
6. UOU shall be responsible for development of Self Instructional Learning Material of B.Ed., (SEDE), PGPD-SEDE, FC-SEDE & FC-LD courses prescribed by the RCI before the commencement of courses and its revisions & translation in English/ Hindi language . However, the experts appointed by RCI will vet the content of all courses.
7. All the special education courses under operation or to be operated in future need to be planned as Transparent and on Self-Financing and Self-Sustaining Scheme with generation of funds through course fees to meet the running cost of the course which includes:
 - a. Implementation cost of the implementing agencies i.e. Study Centres and UOU.
 - b. 10% of course fee per candidate enrolled in the said courses to be remitted to RCI for distance education project 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. The amount of the Programme Fee is to be fixed in consultation with RCI to meet the above financial implications for self-financing.
8. On the basis of the criteria in Clause 7, course fees will be shared by the UOU, RCI and the Study Centre(s) on PRORATA basis as per the norms fixed for each course as per

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need. The norm of sharing of course fees should be fixed on a long-term perspective as per the following proportion;

UOU: 50% of the total fee collected in r/o special education courses.

Study Centre: 40% of the total fee collected in r/o special education courses.

RCI : 10% of the total fee collected in r/o special education courses .

9. Study Learning Materials in r/o aforesaid courses will be supplied by UOU to Study Centres and students as per the requirement.
10. Training institutions approved by the Council in the state of Uttarakhand may be considered as a Study Centre(s) provided prescribed norms are met, for which UOU will provide the list of prospective Study Center(s) to RCI for issuance of NOC by RCI to prospective training institutes to act as a Study Centre under UOU. The UOU shall issue letter of approval to the concerned Study Centre(s) as per their rules and regulation.
11. UOU and RCI will jointly decide the norms for identification of study centre(s) , the honorarium to the faculty and details system of admission and evaluation. Min. 75% attendance in practice teaching in approved schools and counseling sessions will be compulsory for the Teacher Trainees to be eligible to appear in the term end examination.
12. The passing Certificate and Degree shall be awarded by UOU to the students. However, Authentication Certificate required for Registration with the Council shall be issued by the concerned approved Study Centre (s) from where the candidate has completed the course.
13. Any dispute between UOU and the concerned Study Centres shall be resolved by them without any involvement of RCI.
14. 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, UOU - Chairperson
 - b. Two experts nominated by the Chairperson, RCI - Members
 - c. Two nominees of the Board of Management of the UOU - Members
 - d. Member-Secretary, RCI - Ex-Officio Member
 - e. Academic Coordinator, UOU - Member Secretary

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15. The present MoU will be valid for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 16 January, 2015 and may be renewed from time to time at 5 (five) years interval. However, it may 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 be settled mutually through discussions and that in the event of their failure to settle the dispute, the matter shall be referred to Sole Arbitrator appointed by with the consent of both the parties in New Delhi.

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16/01/2015

(L.S. Rawat)

Registrar

On behalf of UOU

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WITNESSES:

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(J. K. JOSHI)
16-01-2015
2. *Siddharth*
16/01/2015
(Siddharth Kumar Pokhriyal)

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डी. एन. श्रेणिकासप्पा (D.N. Shreenivasappa)

सदस्य सचिव / Member Secretary
भारतीय पुनर्वास परिषद / Rehabilitation Council of India

On behalf of RCI

संविदा मंत्रालय
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Disability Affairs
नई दिल्ली / New Delhi

WITNESSES:

1. *Subodh Kumar*
16/01/2015
(Dr. Subodh Kumar)
DD, R.C.I. ND/12015
2. 16/01/2015