

MoU

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



ASAM SAHITYA SABHA

&



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University of Science & Technology,
Meghalaya

**UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, MEGHALAYA
(USTM)**

Date : 28th September, 2018
Venue : Office of the Asam Sahitya Sabha, Guwahati

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
between
Asam Sahitya Sabha, Jorhat
and
University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is executed on this 28th of September, 2018 between Asam Sahitya Sabha - as the First Party;

And

University of Science and Technology Meghalaya- as the Second party; herein together referred to as "the Organisations".

Asam Sahitya Sabha, having its registered office at Guwahati, Assam, India hereinafter called "**Sabha**" is a non-Government, non-profit, literary organisation of Assam. It was founded in 1917. The objective of the Sabha is to work for promotion and development of language, literature, culture, and preservation of heritage of Assam.

And

University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya, having its registered office at Techno City, 9th Mile, Baridua, Meghalaya, hereinafter called "**USTM**", is founded by ERD Foundation, Guwahati located in Lalmati Road, Bhetapara, Guwahati-28. USTM was established by an Act (No. 6 of 2008) of Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya State in 2008. The objective of USTM is to impart world class education exploring opportunities and talents of the north-eastern region, thereby, creating cutting edge research centre and build a Knowledge Capital for societal development.

USTM and Sabha agreed to exchange their expertise to fulfill the objectives and will work mutually with the following identified areas but not limited to,

1. **Seminars/ Symposia/ Workshops:** Sabha and USTM will jointly organize Workshops, Seminars, Symposia on language, literature and culture on mutual consultation by both the Organisations on case to case basis.
2. Both the University and the Sabha will work together in the field of literature, culture, heritage, diversity and ethnicity in the north-eastern region and carry documentation and research work on Assamese and other indigenous languages.



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3. Both the organisation will work for establishing harmony, brotherhood and integrity among different sections of society and will nurture unity in diversity of the north-eastern states, especially Assam and Meghalaya.
4. Both Organisations will honour literary performers / achievers / stalwarts from time to time to encourage and inculcate literary culture among the future generations.
5. **Award of Research Fellowships:** USTM will offer two Fellowships for researchers at the initial stage to carry out research on the life of following literary stalwarts of Assam:
 - i) Dr Maheswar Neog
 - ii) Syed Abdul MalikMore such fellowships can be launched on successful completion of the said research.
 - a) The duration of the Fellowships will be as per requirement. The Fellowships may also be extended for further research leading to award of Ph.D degree. Eligibility of the applicants will be same as defined by UGC and University rule.
 - b) The entire process of research will be monitored by a five member Committee, two from USTM and two from Sabha with the Chancellor of USTM as the Chairman of the Committee. The prescribed rules to be followed as per the Ph.D rules of the University.
 - c) There shall be one Research Guide / Supervisor for each of the Fellows. The Fellows will present Progress Report of research in every six months at USTM, and based on the progress, the next phase of action will be decided.
 - d) USTM will offer Ph.D Guideship to those experienced and qualified literary persons recommended by Sabha who will fulfil the norms of the UGC and University guidelines.
6. **Work for economically underdeveloped areas:** Special importance will be given to Char areas, the Barak Valley and other economically underdeveloped areas, including some areas of Meghalaya where the Organisations will take up developmental activities within their capacity.
7. **Adoption of villages:** Villages will be adopted by both Organisations to promote educational activities including literature and culture. The initial target will be two villages on mutual consultation.
8. **Directorate of Language and Cultural Studies:** Both the Organisations will strive for protection and preservation of ethnic languages in the region, specially the endangered



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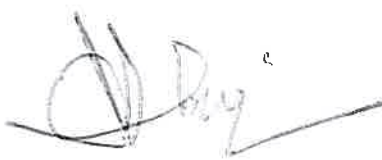
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languages and find out ways and means to revive /promote such language and culture. To take it further, USTM will create a Directorate of Language and Cultural Studies where Sabha will provide necessary inputs, expertise for various compilation and research. As a heritage and communicative language, Assamese and other indigenous languages of Assam will be taught to the students, teachers, employees of the USTM. The Directorate will also initiate the process to teach communicative Assamese language to the non-Assamese learners and communicative English language to the non-English speaking learners.

9. **Diploma Course in Language Training:** Different diploma and certificate courses can be launched and Sabha will help in preparing the Syllabus, Course Design and Training of Trainers Module. Necessary manpower will be entrusted for proper training.
10. **North East Writers' Conclave / Literary Fest:** Sabha and USTM will jointly organize a North East Writers' Conclave / Literary Fest / Cultural Fest from time to time to promote literature and culture from the region by providing a broad platform.
11. **Publications:** Both the Organisations will jointly work for publication of Books, Journals etc.
12. Both Organisations will apply for fund / assistance to carry out respective projects as and when needed.
13. Authorised persons of both the Organisations will avail the facilities and infrastructure including library as and when required.
14. Both USTM and Sabha agree that any information which is exchanged in pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will be kept strictly confidential and used solely for the purpose, covered by this Memorandum of Understanding, unless such information was obtained by a third party who does not have an obligation of confidentiality toward the information-disclosing party and entered public domain.
15. Decision on any project will be taken by a four-member Committee either represented by the Chancellor and one expert member from USTM and the President along with another member from the Sabha. The President and the Chancellor can also send their representatives in their absence.

Incidental expenses, if any with respect to the activities mentioned above will be met by USTM.


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Subject to clauses below, both the **Organisations** may amend this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual consent in writing. Any amendment agreed by USTM and Sabha shall come into effect the date determined by the signing Organisations on potential areas.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of signing and shall initially be valid for a period of three years. Thereafter, the **Organisations** shall agree on mutual consent on the continued validity of this Memorandum of Understanding. However, USTM and Sabha has freedom to continue or discontinue the MOU at its own discretion and the same must be communicated with a prior three months' notice.

The **Organisations** agree that this Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the basis of goodwill and shall not be legally bound. Nothing mentioned in this Memorandum of Understanding shall deem constitute partnership between the signing Organisations appointing one party as an agent of the other. This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective upon signature by both the Chief Executive Officers for a period of three years, at which time will be reviewed for possible renewal for further three-year period. Either party may, on three (03) months notice in writing, terminate the MOU in advance of its normal expiration or request the recognition of its conditions.

Signed in duplicate, in English language at The Office of Asam Sahitya Sabha, Guwahati, Assam on this 28th day of September of 2018.

**For the University of
Science & Technology
Meghalaya, (USTM) India**



**(Mahbubul Hoque)
Chancellor**

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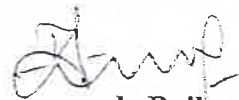
Witness 1.

Signature:  28/9/18

**Name: Dr Rabin Kr Sharma
Designation: Advisor
Affiliation: University of Science & Technology
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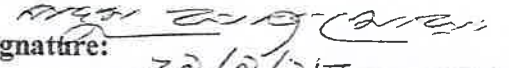
**For the Asam Sahitya Sabha
Guwahati, Assam, India**



**(Dr Paramananda Rajbongshi)
President**

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Witness 2.

Signature:  22/9/18

**Name: Padum Rajkhowa
Designation: General Secretary
Affiliation: Asam Sahitya Sabha**


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