

পশ্চিমবঙ্গ পশ্চিম বঙ্গাল WEST BENGAL

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## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

The Centre for Folklore Studies and Research (CFSR), Murshidabad, West Bengal, India-742166, bearing Registration No: IV-1205-00061/2023, officially registered as a non-profit charitable public trust under the auspices of the Government of West Bengal. It is committed for advancing vibrant folk artistry. It operating with a variety of impactful initiatives and activities based on **Folklore Studies and Research**. This organization will serve as the **FIRST PARTY**.

AND

The Centre for Murshidabad Studies, Department of English & Department of Bengali of Berhampore Girls' College, P.O. - Berhampore, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin No. - 742101 West Bengal, a grant-in-aid affiliated college under University of Kalyani will serve as the **SECOND PARTY**;

Both the parties herein have noted the importance of cooperation. Both have agreed to enter into this non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in connection to academic and extra-curricular collaborative activities. The purpose of this non-binding MoU is to make possible academic and cultural exchange between both the parties based on the principles of mutually available facilities and the reciprocity of benefits. NOW THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is agreed by and between both the parties hereto as follows:

*Ms Sivanethin Shastri*  
Secretary  
16.01.2025  
Centre for Folklore Studies  
and Research

*Principa*  
Principal  
10.01.2025  
Berhampore Girls' College



## Clause -1: Objectives, Scope, and Major Activities

Both parties agree to encourage the development of the following types of activities:

- a) Will jointly conduct fieldwork with documentation and exhibitions aiming at preservation of age-old folk traditions and Oral History in Murshidabad District. The first party, Centre for Folklore Studies and Research, will offer internship opportunities to students of the second party. All documentations and fieldwork materials will be archived by the first party. Joint fieldwork reports shall be shared between both parties for the community development.
- b) Collaboration and hands-on training including fieldworks or related activities associated with the syllabus for UG/PG students of the College, giving emphasis on NEP-2020.
- c) Organization of joint conferences, webinars, symposia, workshops and meetings on subjects of mutual interest and understanding. The second party will provide (in case of in-campus activity) necessary infrastructure such as seminar rooms, projectors, and other essentials for physical events, while the first party will arrange all technical facilities for online events like subscribed Google Meet.
- d) Exchange of academic information for students via email periodically, if provisions are made by the second party. Career counseling sessions may be organized annually for students of the second party which may help in further studies.
- e) The Centre for Murshidabad Studies, in collaboration with the Department of English and the Department of Bengali at Berhampore Girls' College, will organize various outreach activities in the nearby areas of Murshidabad. These activities aim to document various festivals, folk traditions, and heritage sites, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the local culture.
- f) The first party will provide training sessions to the students of the second party, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to comprehend the rich heritage of Murshidabad and conduct effective interviews during fieldwork.
- g) Additionally, periodic workshops focusing on different genres of folk music will be organized, catering to the interests and needs of the participants. The scheduling and content of these workshops will be determined through mutual agreement between both parties.
- h) Resource allocation for these endeavors will be decided in consultation between the two parties, ensuring optimal utilization of available resources.
- I) Furthermore, both parties are open to exploring further collaboration opportunities, with future endeavors to be determined based on mutual understanding and agreement.
- j) Exploration of possibilities for developing joint research programs and collaborations as per mutual understanding, subject to further discussions and approval from both parties.
- h) To maintain the momentum and longevity of our activities, we will implement a modest registration fee for participants. This fee will be carefully set at a nominal amount, ensuring

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that our programs remain accessible to all interested individuals. Its primary purpose is to offset the logistical costs involved in organizing these events. By keeping the registration fee affordable, we aim to encourage widespread participation and inclusivity, welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds to join us in our endeavors. Transparency will be maintained throughout the process, with clear communication provided to participants regarding the purpose and utilization of the registration fee.

### **Clause -2: Responsibilities of both institutions**

Both parties acknowledge that the execution of any agreed-upon activity will hinge upon the interests, expertise of involved individuals, and the availability of financial resources, space, and other necessary resources. Consequently, the operation of any exchange and cooperative programs pursuant to this MoU shall be discussed and decided upon jointly by the two institutions. Furthermore, both institutions are expected to agree that no financial obligations shall be conferred upon either party.

### **Clause -3: Duration and Option to Amend, Extend or Terminate**

This MoU will become effective when signed by authorities of both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signature given below, and may be renewed or amended by mutual agreement of the institutions. The institutions should agree to periodically review the activities undertaken and the progress made and to consult concerning amendments, renewal or termination of this MoU. Either authority may terminate this MoU at any time by providing written notice prior to three months before such termination to the other authority.

### **Clause -4: General Terms**

This MoU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable by law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents. Nothing in this MoU obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the two parties. Neither party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, in any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the express written approval of the other party to this MoU.

### **Clause -5: Validity**

This MoU is valid for 3 years and shall enter into force on the date of the signing by qualified representatives of both institutions. The term of the Memorandum of Understanding can be extended by mutual consent of the Parties.

### **Clause -6: Counterparts**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be executed in 2(two) counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered is an original, but all the counterparts together constitute the same document.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the duly authorized signatories have set their hands and affix their signatures and seals on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

### Signatures

Signed by 1<sup>st</sup> Party

Md Sujauddin Shaikh  
Secretary  
Centre for Folklore Studies and Research

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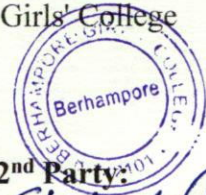
#### Signature of Witness 1<sup>st</sup> Party:

Name : Md. Gntaj Ali  
Designation : Ec Member, CFSR  
Address : Islampur, Dubrajpur  
Bishnupur  
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Name : *Bodhadiya Sankar*  
Designation : Member, CFSR,  
Address : Sutismath, Berhampore.  
10/01/2025

Signed by 1<sup>st</sup> Party

Dr. Hena Sinha  
Principal  
Berhampore Girls' College

*Hena*  
10.01.2025  
Principal  
Berhampore Girls' College



#### Signature of Witness 2<sup>nd</sup> Party:

Name: *Nandini Chakraborty* 10/01/25  
Designation: Associate Professor.  
Address: Berhampore.  
Name: *Ikbal Ansary* 10/01/25  
Designation: Assistant Professor  
Address: Berhampore, Murshidabad  
10/01/2025