

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed on **15th July 2022**

Between

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University,
At Post Piparia, Taluka Waghodia, District Vadodara, Gujarat state, India.
(Hereinafter referred to as **SVDU**)

And

Akshar Trust

Office Address: 11th Floor, Kirti Towers, Next to Kirti Mandir, Tilak Road, Vadodara,
Gujarat state, India
Centre Address: Near Nandanvan Farm, Before Mini River Bridge Sherghi-Sindhrot Road,
Vadodara, Gujarat state, India

(Hereinafter referred to as **AT**)

This MoU is for establishing the collaboration between SVDU and AT, especially for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), in the areas of **Rehabilitation Services, Health Care Services, Collaborative Research and Innovation Projects / Studies, Collaborative Programs / Courses, Incubation Centre, Startups, Community / Social Service, Collaborative Health checkup and Treatment camps, Collaborative Conferences / Seminars / workshop etc.** The collaboration between both the parties herein under, is based upon the principles of mutual interest for societal upliftment and Nation building.

Preamble

About SVDU:

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University was notified through Gazette Notification of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Higher Education, Government of India, through vide notification No.F.9-46/2004-U.3 dated 17th January 2007, as '**Deemed to be University**' under **de novo** category. The Vidyapeeth was established under Section 3 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 through vide Notification No. F.No.6-106/2004 (CPP-1) dated 9th March 2007, and vide Notification No. F.6-106(1)/2004 (CPP-I) dated 26th August 2008. The MHRD through its notification no. F.9-46/2004-U.3 dated 16th December 2019, has extended the '**Deemed to be University status**' for **Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University**, from **17th January 2012 onwards.**

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Vice-Chancellor
Sumandeep Vidyapeeth

An Institution Deemed to be University
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Managing Trustee



Registrar
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The Institution is accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) at 'A++' Grade with CGPA of 3.61 at Four-point scale, and is also conferred with **Category - I Deemed to be University status**, by University Grants Commission (UGC).

Presently, the Institution has Constituent Institutes and Constituent Departments, which offers Full-time and Part-time professional health related programs at the level of Certificate, Diploma, Graduate and Postgraduate Degree, Super Specialty, Doctoral (Ph.D.), Post – Doctoral, Value Added Courses, Interdisciplinary programs, etc. in the disciplines of Health such as Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, AYUSH, Healthcare Management, Public Health, Paramedical, Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, etc. These Programs are recognized / approved by Statutory Regulatory Authorities (SRA) such as related Councils - Medical Council of India, Dental Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India, Indian Nursing Council, Rehabilitation Council of India etc., and University Grants Commission. The Institution has following Constituent Institutes / Constituent Departments at Piparia, Vadodara campus:

1. Smt. B.K. Shah Medical Institute & Research Centre, and Dhiraj Hospital
2. K. M. Shah Dental College & Hospital
3. Department of Pharmacy
4. Sumandeep Nursing College
5. College of Physiotherapy
6. Department of Management
7. Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology
8. Department of Public Health
9. Sumandeep Ayurved Medical College & Hospital
10. Sumandeep Homoeopathic Medical College & Hospital

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University has more than 1300 bedded Multi - Speciality tertiary care Dhiraj Hospital, 350 Hi-tech Dental Chair Hospital, Ultra-Modern Hi-tech Physiotherapy Hospital, Audiology & Speech Language Pathology Clinical Centre, and State-of-art Central Research and Innovation Laboratory, and Incubation Centre. These Hospitals cater to the needs of Local population, especially, from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra, and Tribal Districts of Gujarat. Dhiraj Hospital has a state of art Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment facilities. The

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Hospital is the major source of Clinical and Academic Research for the Teaching Faculty, Researcher and Students of the Institution. The Molecular Laboratory is NABL accredited and approved by State Government and Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) for COVID19 testing facility. The Dhiraj Hospital was designated by

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Government of Gujarat, for the management of COVID19 infected patients. The hospital has well established departments to undertake rehabilitation services.

About Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, SVDU:

Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (DASLP), constituent Department of Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University was established in the year 2019, with due permission of Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI). The Department offers Educational Programmes in Bachelor of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (B. ASLP), Diploma in Hearing Aid Repair and Ear Mould Technology (DHAREMT) and Ph.D. in Audiology & Speech Language Pathology. In near future, Master's program in Audiology & Speech Language Pathology will be started.

The Clinical Section of the Department undertakes Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Hearing and Speech Language Disability, from more than 20 years at Dhiraj Hospital, SBKSMIRC. The Rehabilitation services in the hospital does not limit to the following: (1) Evaluation and treatment of hearing loss and tinnitus (2) Assessment and Rehabilitation of auditory and balance disorder (3) Provision of hearing aids, assistive and alerting devices (4) Post Cochlear Implant management (5) Evaluation and treatment of speech, language, voice, and swallowing disorders (6) Rehabilitation for Speech Language Pathology.

About AT

Akshar Trust is a non-profit voluntary organization registered under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950, bearing No. E/4063/Vadodara dated 29.03.1989. The Trust began its activities with 5 hearing impaired/deaf children on 18th July 1988 in a small, rented shed in Fatehsinghrao Gymkhana. It is today educating 118 children with a staff of 30, including teachers. The teacher training course started in 1999 and 356 teachers have been trained till date. It has worked to provide hearing impaired children an opportunity to be educated and thus be employed and independent. Akshar Trust prefers total communication mode to teach children. It is the only school, out of 38, for the deaf in Gujarat, which also offers Hindi as a separate medium of instruction, apart from Gujarati. The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has given 'permanent Recognition' to the Teacher Training Programme and has accorded 'very Good Performance' status to the programme in 2009. Akshar Trust has conducted 20 CRE programmes under RCI,

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Akshar Trust services includes, capacity building of special schools for children with hearing impairment, early intervention program, pre-school, classes from 1-12, Mainstreaming of hearing impaired children and teacher training programmes.

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Scope of the Collaboration

Capacity building and services for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), in the focused areas, such as **Rehabilitation Services especially in hearing & speech impairment, Health Care Services, Collaborative Research and Innovation Projects / Studies, Collaborative Programs / Courses, Incubation Centre, Startups, Community / Social Service, Collaborative Health checkup and Treatment camps, Collaborative Conferences / Seminars / workshop etc.**

General Areas of Cooperation

This MoU will govern the relationship between the SVDU and AT regarding Rehabilitation Services to Persons with Disabilities (PwD) of any age.

Both SVDU and AT shall encourage interactions among Clinicians, Teaching Faculty members, Non-Teaching Staff, Students and Children / Patients through the following arrangements, but not limited to:

1. For providing and making the Rehabilitation services available to Persons with Disabilities (PwD), including Hearing and Speech Language disorders.
2. Clinical Screening and Assessment of various Impairments in PwD and normal individuals.
3. Medical and Rehabilitation camps to be organized jointly for PwD and normal individuals, if any.
4. To jointly participate in the development of an individual education program for school age children.
5. To undertake research projects / studies as needed for PwD.
6. To undertake or device new aids / equipment's required for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), and to Patent / Copyright the same, either individually or jointly.
7. Research, Innovation, Startup etc. shall be undertaken in the campus of Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, in relation to Persons with Disabilities (PwD).

Confidential Information

SVDU and AT agree for not disclosing any type of confidential material, knowledge, study results or information. The parties may like to share this with one another but may decide not to disclose it to any third party. In the event if it is required to be shared with a third party, except as an when required by law; then mutual consent in writing must be obtained from the other party, prior to disclosure. This Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) creates a confidential relationship between the parties to protect any type of confidential and proprietary information or trade secrets.

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Intellectual Property Rights

Ownership of any intellectual property (including but not limited to confidential information, know-how, patents, copyrights, design rights, rights relating to computer software, and any other industrial or intellectual property rights) developed jointly during the course of this MOU shall be vested in both parties to this Memorandum. Both parties shall have the joint right to determine the commercial exploitation and disposition of such intellectual property, and both parties shall make joint applications for the registration of the same. Before any registration or commercialization of any intellectual property takes place, the parties agree to each a separate agreement covering issues such as exploitation rights and revenue sharing.

Any publication regarding such intellectual property shall only be possible with the prior written consent of both parties, such consent shall not to be unreasonably withheld.

SVDU and AT shall be free to use perpetually the results arising out of the collaborating activities for its own internal teaching, research, educational, clinical and publication in scientific journals, the purposes without the payment of royalties or other fees to the other party.

Amendments / Modifications

This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by their representatives of both parties.

Adherence to Laws

Participating Teaching Faculties, Non-Teaching staff and students involved in any activities under this Memorandum must adhere to the law of the country and rules and regulations of the Institution.

Legal Effect

Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. This Memorandum is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial collaboration.

Commencement and Tenure of MOU

The present MoU shall become effective from the date of signing. It shall remain in force for the period of Five (5) years i.e. from 15th July 2022 till 14th July 2027. This MoU will be amended / terminated with mutual consultations and written agreement, as and when needed.

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Dispute Resolution

Any dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with the interpretation or implementation of this MoU or out of or in connection with the breach, or alleged breach of this MoU, each Institution shall attempt in the first instance to resolve the conflict amicably by mutual agreement between the two representatives of the organization. Conflicts that cannot be resolved amicably shall be settled by arbitration.

Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University and Akshar Trust, welcomes the establishment of this Memorandum for cooperation and jointly agrees to the provisions as set out above.

This MoU is signed between Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara, Gujarat, represented by Registrar, and Akshar Trust by the Founder Director and Managing Trustee on dated 15th July 2022 at Vadodara.

Signature:  Name: Dr. Chandramani B. More Designation: Registrar, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara. Seal: 	Signature:  Name: Mrs. Nisha Grover Designation: Founder Director and Managing Trustee, Akshar Trust, Vadodara Seal: 
<u>Witness no. 1:</u> Signature:  Name: Dr. Vivek Kumar Jha Designation: Principal, Department of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara.	<u>Witness no. 1:</u> Signature:  Name: Mrs. Hema Kale Designation: Principal, Akshar Trust, Vadodara.
<u>Witness no. 2:</u> Signature:  Name: Dr. Tapan Nagpal Designation: Professor & Head, Department of ENT, SBKSMIRC, Sumandeep Vidyapeeth Deemed to be University, Vadodara.	<u>Witness no. 2:</u> Signature:  Name: Mrs. Ishita Varma Designation: Trustee, Akshar Trust, Vadodara.

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