

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTADING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as 'MoU') signed on the 28th September, 2022 at Awadhesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa (MP) by & between

Awadhesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, India (hereafter referred to as "APSU")
and

The Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, India (hereafter referred to as 'GBPSSI')

Awadhesh Pratap Singh University was established on 20th July 1968 as a state university of Madhya Pradesh. The University has been named after a distinguished son of the soil and a freedom fighter Capt. AwadheshPratap Singh, a national leader and the first Prime Minister of Vindhya Pradesh. The university was recognized by the UGC in February 1972. The University is a member of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) and All Commonwealth Association of Universities (ACAU). The University has 13 teaching departments which offer more than 50 professional programmes on self-supporting basis apart from the regular post graduate programmes. We also impart education through nearly 210 affiliated colleges within the University jurisdiction in Anuppur, Rewa, Satna, Shahdol, Sidhi, Singrauli and Umaria districts of Madhya Pradesh.

The university has Faculty of Social Sciences under which it is has Department of Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, Department of Business Economics, Department of Psychology and Department of Philosophy. These departments are offering UG, PG and Doctoral Programmes in the related subjects. The university also has Jawahar Lal Nehru Centre for Policy Research which offers UG & PG Programmes in Public Administration and Doctoral Programmes in Political Science, Sociology and Policy Research.

Whereas, the Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj (GBPSSI) established in 1980 is a Constituent Institute of the University of Allahabad. The Institute is a premier research institute of social sciences in the country. The research areas pursued by the Institute are as follows:

Economic and Social Policies and strategies: The major concerns include agrarian structure, issues related to land, labour and employment; environment, disaster, poverty and climatic change; food security development related displacement and most importantly institutions and development. Other international concerns that are being addressed include Global governance, climate change and carbon markets.

Social policy concerns include population growth and resource constraints, which are of utmost importance to the most densely populated state of Uttar Pradesh; problem associated with ageing; intergenerational transmission of advantages and disadvantages of education health and stamina; the inter-relationship of under nutrition, health and eco-systems; enlarging human choices: securing freedom, well-being, and dignity for every human being, and gender and development issues.

Culture, Politics and Society: Concept of power, popular cultures, memory and past, orality and printed knowledge of Dalit, subaltern and other marginalised communities, local knowledge, structures and forms of subaltern cultural consciousness and linkage between cultural resources of the communities and process of development. Newly emerging public cultures, new turns in religious practices, mobile communities and moving images in globalised world, diasporic cultures, various forms of identity politics, cinema and media and relationship between politics, culture and state in colonial and contemporary India. Explorations of alternative public sphere, dissenting voices,

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social and political literature s, political of representations and emancipator and syncretic cultural forms.

Democratic Processes and Institutions: concept of justice in democratic processes, relationship between social justice and marginalities, governmentality, new modes of participatory governance, popular aspirations and new social movements, formation of civil societies, state, power and citizenship and public sphere as space of democratic deliberations of post-colonial Indian society. Issues of human suffering forced displacement and migration, human rights and women dignity in contemporary globalisation induced developmental democracy. Exploring democratic processes at work, in different contexts, at different levels and their consequents interplays, understanding inclusionary and exclusionary politics with respect to ethnic and religious identities, changing contours of domestic politics under the influence of international forces.

The Institute runs three academic courses; PhD (Social Science), MA (Liberal Studies) &MBA (Rural Development). The institute also works on various government and non-government research projects and evaluation studies.

The parties hereby agree that:

- 1. They shall exchange faculty of social sciences and other faculties for specific durations;
- 2. They shall promote interaction of doctoral students through student interaction/ exchange programs;
- 3. They shall undertake joint research programs and other academic endeavours;
- 4. They shall organize joint seminars and workshops on current social issues as well as on issues of national importance.

That this MoU shall come into effect from the date of signing by both the parties and can be terminated by either party on an advance notice of six months.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, THE PARTIES HERE TO AFFIX THEIR SIGNATURES THIS DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITEEN:

Signed for and behalf of APSU by

Signed for and behalf of GBPSSI by

Prof. Rajkumar Acharya

Vice Chancellor, APSU Rewar (MR)

A.P.S. University

In the presence of REWA (M.P.)

Dr. Surendra Singh

Registrar, APSU, Rewa (MP)

Dr. (Mrs) Archana Singh

Associate Professor, GBPSSI, Prayagraj (UP)

G. EDirector GBPSSI Prayagraj (UP) A Constituent Institute of University of Allahabad

In the presence of

Place: Rewa (MP)

Date - 28th September 2022