## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Between Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore. And Government Arts College, Udhagamandalam.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed .....

Between

Government Arts College, Stone House Hill Post, Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris - 643 002
Represented by,

Principal of the College

And

Kongunadu Arts and Science College, G.N.Mills P.O. Kavundampalayam, Coimbatore – 641029, an autonomous institution Affiliated to Bharathiar University, herein after referred to as KASC, represented by the Secretary, KASC.

(Unless otherwise the context or meaning implies otherwise, hereinafter 'Institution' shall mean Government Arts College or Kongunadu Arts and Science College and both jointly referred to as "Institutions".

Whereas, the **Government Arts College, ooty** is administrates by the Ministry of Higher Education of Government of Tamil Nadu

Whereas, Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore (KASC) is an autonomous Govt. Aided institution administrate by Kongunadu Arts and Science College council and affiliated to Bharathiar University with the specific purposes given below:

## About the College

Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore was established in the year of 1973 with a humble beginning, the college has grown magnificently in academic stature with autonomous status having 13 research departments, 15 PG Departments and 20 UG Departments. The college is imparting higher education to approximately 4500 students, majority of whom hail from socially and economically weaker sections of the society. More than 60% of the students studying in the college are girls thus the college is playing a pivotal role in women empowerment and social justice. The University Grants Commission, New Delhi, conferred the Autonomous Status to our College in the academic year 2004-05.

In the fourth cycle of re-accreditation, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council has awarded "A+" grade. to the college. The University Grants Commission has awarded the prestigious award of College of Excellence during 2016-2017.

## The Department of Zoology

The PG and Research Department of Zoology was started in the academic year 1974. In 1975 with an undergraduate course, and bears the badge of seniority. The Department now grown into titanic proportions offering M.Sc., since 1981-82 and M. Phil and Ph.D., since 1982-83. The Department holds the unique distinction of having an all-doctorate faculty who have guiding M.Phil and Ph.D. scholars.

## About the College and We Department of Zoology and WildlifeBiology

Government Arts College is an Arts and Science College in Ooty the Nilgiris District, Tamil Nadu, India. The College was established in the year 1955. The college is offering UnderGraduation, Post Graduation and researches in almost all disciplines. The Department of Zoology was started as UG department during the academic year of 1962-1963. It was upgraded as PostGraduation department in 2005 and the research department in 2012 offering M.phil and Ph.D program in Zoology and Wildlife Biology. The Department of Zoology and Wildlife Biology has five research divisions such as biodiversity and ecosystem conservation, cell and molecular biology, entomology and vector control, parasitology, herpetology and trible medicine, mammalogy and forest ecology. All the faculty members in the department are Ph.D holders.

Both the institutions are empowered by their byelaws to enter into cooperative agreements of this nature with other universities in regard to the subjects related to the achievement of its goals and objectives as stated by their bylaws, in order to further contribute to the achievement of such goals and objectives.

- The Government Arts Collge and Kongunadu Arts and Science College (KASC) (individually as institution and together the 'Institutions") desiring to develop cooperation and collaboration in teaching, training, research and other agreed activities that further the aims and objectives of the institutions, agree as follows:
  - a. To encourage, and use their best endeavours to effect visits from one institution to the other, by members of the academic staff for the purpose of participating in teaching, training, research programmes and other agreed activities specifically using the expertise and facilities available with the Government Arts College and KASC.
  - b. To encourage the students of KASC, The Government Arts College will extend its supports to the Forest department activities like in participating wildlife

population estimation, attending natural camps and any other field oriented activities related to zoology and wildlife biology

- c. To encourage disseminating the knowledge of the students and faculty of both the institutions, 5% of the students and faculty members will be accommodated without any registration charges to attend seminars/conferences/workshops/symposia conducted in both the institutions.
- d. To encourage wildlife related activities to KASC, sharing of our faculty members expertise will be done by following Government norms and conditions to the students in classes/ trainings/ field guidance provided TA/DA as per the norms of the Government of Tamil Nadu.
- e. To encourage the KASC students' knowledge on wildlife biology, the Government Arts College is ready to conduct necessary field surveys/ trainings and any relevant hands on trainings for the welfare of students by providing all expenditures by KASC.
- f. To encourage and facilitate postgraduate students in either institutions to take up dissertation projects in other institutions under the guide ship of host institution faculty, subject to the rules and regulations of the respective institutions.
- g. To encourage the exchange of scientific materials, publications and information.
- h. Both the institutions are willing to do any collaborative research projects or to conduct seminars/conferences/workshops/symposia jointly for the welfare of students along with social relevance to the society.
- i. This term of this MoU is 3 years from the date of signing it and is liberal to be extended on mutual consent. This MoU may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the Institutions, or by 6 months written notice by either Institution to the other.
- j. It is recognized that the implementation of this document will in every case be dependent upon the availability of necessary resources, either from within the institutions concerned or from external sources.
- k. This MoU is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either institution. Any activity undertaken in furtherance of the objectives of this MoU will be incorporated into a formal separate agreement or agreements in good faith signed by the Institutions' respective signing officers.

- I. On behalf of the Government Arts College, Dr. B. Ramakrishnan, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Biology will be the convenor for any activities with KASC.
- m. On behalf of KASC Dr. M. Samynathan, and Dr. S. Raja, Assistant Professors of Zoology will be the convenor for any activities with the Government Arts College.

On Behalf of

Government Arts College, Udhagamandalam. On Behalf of

Kongunadu Arts and Science,

Coimbatore.

Dated: 28-02-2020