MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between
Kongunadu Arts and Science College, G N Mills (Post), Coimbatore - 641029
and
Microbiological Laboratory, R S Puram, Coimbatore – 641 002.

About Kongunadu Arts and Science College

The college started in the year 1973 with only preuniversity course. The college has grown as a multifaceted premier higher educational institution and has been marching forward triumphantly in the field of higher education with 20 UG, 15 PG and 13 research programmes. The college has been Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade 3.64 CGPA (3rd Cycle). The University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, conferred the autonomous status to our college in the academic year 2004 – 2005, which has now been extended upto 2021-22. The University Grant Commission has awarded the status of College of Excellence to the institution.

The college stands 3rd in Research among the Arts and Science Colleges in India and 1st in Research among the Bharathiar University affiliated colleges in NIRF ranking done by the MHRD, Government of India.

The Department of Biochemistry was started in the college in the year 1986 with the vision of imparting value based scientific education of global standard for human resource development in scientific and technological spheres of our community and to emerge as an excellent department to produce renowned scientists. M.Sc Biochemistry was started in the year 1995 followed by M.Phil and Ph.D Programmes in the year 2000. From the time of inception, the Department has produced more than 27 batches of undergraduate students and several post graduates M.Phil candidates & Ph.D candidates. Several Research projects funded by UGC, DST, TNSCST have been undertaken by the faculty members. The college shall henceforth be referred as party 1.

About Microbiological Laboratory, R S Puram, Coimbatore

Microbiological laboratory was established in the year 1977 by Mr. M. Mani M.Sc., who is the director and chief of the Institution. He completed his postgraduate in medical microbiology from the reputed institution Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore. His mission is to provide the reliable and quality based clinical laboratory services to patient and the health care industry in India at the most affordable costs.

Started nearly 4 decades ago, Microbiological laboratory has been growing from strength to strength. Today it has carved a niche for itself by becoming one of the leading reference laboratories in South India. Specialization in various departments such as Biochemistry, Microbiology, Serology,
The vast network of branches and collection centres extend the diagnostic facilities to every nook and corner of South India. The emphasis has always been on accuracy, precision, reproducibility and speedy reporting at an affordable cost.

Highly trained and courteous team of people and Client service representatives with a focus on customer care make each transaction with the lab a pleasure.

Also the laboratory having twenty-five years of experienced and skilled team to manage the quality and accuracy. Every day the central laboratory has been receiving huge volume of reference samples from Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

Because of the high quality, accuracy and reliability all the small size laboratories are accepted Microlab as their reference laboratory for the special and esoteric testing. In this way, Microlab having the support of laboratory persons as well. The relationship between the customer laboratories is being well maintained and strongly built for the past three decades. All the satellite laboratories are connected in online with the central laboratory. The central laboratory can monitor and guide the satellite laboratory at any point of time. The periodical updating of knowledge will be maintained by the chief of the departments when their periodical visits to the satellite labs and the periodical meetings in the central laboratory. The Microbiological laboratory shall henceforth be referred as party 2.

Objectives of the MoU:

The purpose of this treaty is to continue to develop and expand a framework of research and training between the PG and Research Department of Biochemistry, Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore and Clinical Research of Microbiological Laboratory, R S Puram, Coimbatore to allow for the creation and administration of mutually beneficial research activities of both the parties.

1. The Party 1 and Party 2 having recognized the need to promote academic research for the welfare of the student's community and the general public shall begin the basic and applied research programme under this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. To identify the thrust areas of collaborative research between the above said two parties.
3. To perform the identified collaborative research projects in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Clinical pathology.
4. To sharing of advanced and traditional technical information from the field according to the technology developments.
5. To conduct training programmes in Biochemistry, Microbiology and Clinical pathology which will be helpful for the future research vision of the students and also to make them self-employed by establishing clinical lab.

PARTY 1
For SECRETARY KONGUNADU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE

PARTY 2
for MICROBIOLOGICAL LAB
This Memorandum of Understanding is signed for initial period of five years and may be renewed by mutual agreement between the Parties.

**Termination clause:**

Each Party shall have the right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months’ written notice in writing to the other Party at any time. If the Memorandum of Understanding is terminated by either party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination does not affect any prior obligation, project or activity already in progress.

**Signed and Declared by:**

**Party 1:**

The Secretary and Director,
Kongunadu Arts and Science College (Autonomous),
G. N. Mills (Post), Coimbatore – 641 029,
Tamil Nadu, India.

*Signed on:* 24-03-2018

**Party 2:**

The Founder and Chief,
Microbiological Laboratory,
R S Puram, Coimbatore – 641 002,
Tamil Nadu, India.