



Government of Karnataka  
Department of Collegiate Education

**Dr. G. Shankar Government Women's First Grade College  
and R. G. Study Centre, Ajjarkad, Udupi - 576101**

(Accredited B Grade from NAAC)



No:

Date: 21-03-2022

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Dr. G. Shankar Government Women's First Grade College & P. G. Study Centre  
Ajjarkadu, Udupi, Karnataka**

and

**Karavali Wikimedians, Mangaluru, Karnataka**

### Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MoU) is made and entered into by and between

**Dr G SHANKAR GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S FIRST GRADE COLLEGE  
& P.G. STUDY CENTRE, Ajjarkadu, Udupi, Karnataka**

Founded by the Government of Karnataka, affiliated to Mangalore University, having its campus at Ajjarkadu, Udupi district, Karnataka State, represented by its Head of the Institution, **Dr. Bhaskar Shetty S.**, Principal, hereinafter referred to as the **FIRST PARTY**

and

**KARAVALI WIKIMEDIANS**

**Mangaluru, Karnataka**

represented by its Secretary **Dr. U. B. Pavanaja**, hereinafter known as the **SECOND PARTY**

### Whereas

The **FIRST PARTY, Dr G. Shankar Government Women's First Grade College & PG Study Centre**, was founded by the Government of Karnataka with an aspired vision to "empower women so as to achieve excellence and imbibe virtues of discipline, commitment to social values and willingness to contribute to the well-being of society." In addition to its unique stamp of being the only women's Government College in the district, the institution is also first-choice educational hub of the rural and economically disadvantaged students. The phenomenal growth of the institution could be assessed from the fact that the college that started in the year 2003-04 with a meagre strength of 93 has risen to more than 2300 students in 2020-21. Truly, the institution is a forerunner of female education. With five Under-Graduate and five Post Graduate Courses on offer, the institution provides ample and smooth transitional scope to students from UG to PG in the same academic ambience. In addition, being a recognized IGNOU Study Centre and NPTEL-Local Chapter, the institution offers plethora of certificate courses to add to their vistas of knowledge. In collaboration with Unnathi Foundation, Bangalore, and Ramakrishna Hegde Skill Development Centre, Udupi, the institution also imparts Soft Skills and Communicative Skills Training Programmes to students. As part of its commitment to knowledge-sharing, the institution has regularly hosted seminars, workshops, training programmes and conferences. In addition, with fourteen PhD

holders, four of whom are recognized Research Guides of various universities, the institution is making a mark as a portal of research in higher education.

Named after Dr. G. Shankar, entrepreneur and philanthropist who has donated a substantial amount for the construction of classrooms, the college is an excellent example of stakeholders' participation in the development of the college. Ideally located (Udupi District, Karnataka State) in the district headquarters, it is one of the fast-emerging colleges of the district. The institution has tremendous scope for growth in the coming years and the institution is committed to achieve greater excellence in the days to come.

The SECOND PARTY, **Karavali Wikimedians**, is a registered trust located at Mangaluru. As an independent, non-profit organization, this group mainly works on Kannada, Tulu and Konkani language Wikipedias and other Wikimedia projects. It is dedicated to work for the Wikimedia (Free Knowledge) movement in the Indian Languages used in coastal Karnataka and northern part of Kerala State of India.

### **Aims and Objectives of Karavali Wikimedia**

- To promote digital literacy among the people of coastal Karnataka and northern part of Kerala state.
- To empower the students and faculty of educational institutions of coastal Karnataka and northern part of Kerala state by providing free and open knowledge resources including Wikipedia and other sister projects of Wikimedia.
- To benefit the general public irrespective of caste, creed and religion or sex.

In witness whereof, the parties to this agreement/MoU have affixed their signatures in the presence of witnesses here under:

### **Preamble**

Whereas the Parties have had preliminary discussions in this matter and have ascertained areas of broad consensus. The Parties now, have therefore, agreed to enter in writing these areas of consensus, under this MoU to establish programmes of knowledge exchange and collaborations in areas of mutual benefit to all parties which serve to enhance the intellectual and social life.

### **Goals and Objectives of MoU**

The purpose of the cooperation between the parties to MoU with mutual interest in:

- Promoting digital literacy among students.
- Promoting Indian languages among students and faculty.
- Developing latest knowledge in Indian languages.
- Promoting growth of Indian languages.
- Free access to knowledge in Indian languages
- Helping the students in improving cognitive skills.

To achieve the above goals and objectives, both the parties to MoU will, insofar as the means of each allow:

- To work together to introduce "Indian Language Wikipedias in the Classroom" at Dr G Shankar Government Women's First Grade College & PG Study Centre, Udupi, in order to instil the following skills in the student:
  - Writing Skills (ability to write in an objective fashion).
  - Digital information literacy skills.
  - Ability to critically engage with a concept / theme and
  - Language proficiency skills.

- The parties will strive to co-design and jointly develop and implement relevant knowledge sharing programmes, workshops, seminars, awareness programmes, training programmes to achieve the above said objective.
- Within Dr G Shankar Government Women's First Grade College & PG Study Centre campus, the parties will endeavour to bring teaching-learning processes onto free and open digital platforms, including Indian language Wikipedias.
- Organize regular meetups and editathons for those students and faculty who share interest in it to achieve its goals.
- Provide an opportunity to strengthen the cooperation by means of allowing student / faculty participation through its membership to the Group / Association.
- Provide opportunities to plan, involve and jointly undertake outreach programmes that promote digital literacy, promotion and love towards regional culture and languages.
- The parties hereby agree to license all material developed and produced under this partnership under CC-BY-SA 4.0 (Creative Commons).

### **Plan for Execution**

In order to carry out the above activities, a detailed plan may be agreed to upon consultation between the parties. Further, it is implicit that every activity undertaken under this MoU is approved by the appropriate officials at each institution and must fall within each institution's said purview.

### **Period of Agreement, Validity and Termination:**

This Agreement shall be effective from March 01, 2022 and will remain in force for a period of THREE YEARS from this date. Prior to the expiration date, this agreement may be reviewed for possible renewal for a subsequent period. However, the agreement may be terminated by either party by giving an advance notice of one month in writing.

### **Correspondence and Communication**

Any correspondence and follow-up communication in future shall be in writing in English and shall be addressed to the name of "The Principal" as stated above.

### **Amendment / Modifications to MoU**

No amendment to this MoU shall be valid and binding to the Parties unless it is made in writing and countersigned by authorized representatives of all the Parties to this Agreement.

### **Evaluation and Review**

The aim of this MoU shall be to achieve a broad balance in the respective contributions and benefits of the collaboration, and this shall be subject to periodic review by all the Parties.

### **Implications and Compliance**

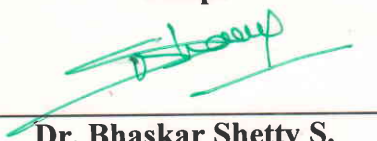
It is expressly understood and agreed that this MoU is entered into an agreement of mutual cooperation and that each Party shall perform its respective obligations under this MoU in a lawful manner, consistent with the highest moral and ethical standards.

### **Execution of MoU**

In witness whereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on this **Twentyfirst** day of **March 2022** in the presence of witnesses here under:

Agreed and Accepted

Signed under the Seal for  
Dr G Shankar Government Women's  
First Grade College & PG Study Centre  
Udupi




Dr. Bhaskar Shetty S.

Principal

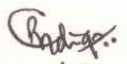
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Dated: 21-03-2022

Witness 1:

  
SOJAN: K.G  
COORDINATOR, IQAC  
Dr. G. SHANKAR GOVT WOMEN'S FIRST  
GRADE COLLEGE & PG STUDY CENTRE  
AJJARKADU, UDUPI - 576 101

Witness 2:

  
(Ramachandra Adiga G.)  
Head of the Department of Computer Science  
Dr. G. Shankar Govt. Women's  
First Grade College & PG Study Centre  
Ajjarkadu, Udupi - 576101

Signed under the Seal for  
Karavali Wikimedia Group  
Mangaluru



Dr. U.B. Pavanaja

Secretary

Secretary  
Karavali Wikimedians

Dated: 21-03-2022

Witness 1:

  
(Shree Rashmi K.)

Witness 2:

  
(Ninaada B.)