



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ESTABLISH GLOBAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN JAIN STUDIES

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is made on the  
Twenty Second Day of March Two Thousand Sixteen.

**BETWEEN**

**MANGALAYATAN UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH**

(in this MoU called MU)

**&**

**TEERTHDHAM MANGLAYATAN,  
THE PILGRIM AND TEMPLE CENTRE, ALIGARH**

(in this MoU called TM)

**AND**

**INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FOR JAIN STUDIES, NEW DELHI**

(in this MoU called ISJS)

## 1.0 Preamble

TM, MU and ISJS have in principle agreed to set up the GCEJS to conduct high level of research, education and publication of all aspects of Jainism for the academic community globally. This implies comprehensive coverage of all aspects, be they historical, cultural, practice, philosophy, contribution to society to resolve problems faced from time to time and others of interest to scholars to properly understand, validate and appreciate the doctrine and its evolution over period of time. This document outlines the vision, structure and implementation plan for this centre.

## 2.0 Definition

In this MOU, unless the context otherwise requires-

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| ‘MU’ means    | Mangalayatan University<br>Extended NCR, Aligarh – Mathura Highway, Aligarh  |
| ‘TM’ means    | Teerthdham Mangalayatan<br>The pilgrim and temple centre, Aligarh            |
| ‘ISJS’ means  | International school for Jain Studies<br>D-28, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi |
| ‘GCEJS’ means | Global Centre of excellence in Jain Studies                                  |

- 'EB' means Executive Board
- 'AB' means Academic Board
- 'EC' means Executive Council of Mangalayatan University
- 'AC' means Academic Council of Mangalayatan University

### **3.0 Objective**

- a) To establish an internationally acclaimed centre of excellence in comprehensive Jain studies at TM in Aligarh for undertaking education, research and publication on all aspects of Jainism including history and culture, schism, literature, metaphysics, ontology, epistemology, ethics, doctrines, holy scriptures, applications in today's life, rituals and society.
- b) To identify niche areas for excellence on its own and to build a network of other internationally acclaimed institutions for the other areas of excellence.
- c) The centre will have facilities of TM, courseware, academic software and international exposure from ISJS and accreditation of degrees by MU.
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- e) To use Jain way of life optimally to run the centre
- f) To make this centre an academically oriented institution and not a sect or sangh oriented so as to present its education and research to the academic community globally.
- g) The centre will focus on academic excellence and full freedom.

### **4.0 Location**

- a) The centre will be located adjacent to Teerthdham Mangalayatan Aligarh as its principal place of operation.
- b) The centre will extensively use the facilities and infrastructure of ISJS in India (in Delhi and other affiliates) as well as in other countries (such as North America, Europe and Thailand etc).

### **5.0 Implementation methodology**

The centre will have its headquarter adjacent to Teerthdham Mangalayatan with two fully equipped class rooms (7 x 7 metres approximately), 7 x 7 meters room for faculty and another 7 x 7 meters room for library complex equipped to cater to at least two simultaneous classes, three faculty members, a library with books in English and other scriptural and their derivative languages and internet facilities. The Centre's facilities such as library for research, full internet connectivity and fully equipped modem class rooms will be state of the art to attract the finest international students and scholars to the centre.

Initially a senior professor and one or two young PhDs will man the centre. They will be supported by visiting faculty members of ISJS.

The centre will offer an M.A. program, both for day scholars as well as a Distance learning program. Preparations of course structure, admissions etc will start simultaneously.

The centre will also enroll two bright young students for their PhD program. These scholars will be selected on the basis of their merit and long term availability to the centre for research and education.

## **6.0 Organization**

The centre will have a two tier management structure to steer it to achieve its objective.

### **6.1 Executive Board (EB)**

- a) This board will oversee the performance of the centre, approve its budgets, provide guidelines for operations and organize funds and facilities at the centre HQ. Besides providing guidelines and monitoring, the board will not be involved in operational matters of the centre.
- b) This board will consist of the following:

Vice-Chancellor of MU	Chairman
Chairman ISJS India	Vice Chairman
Chairman of TM	Member
Registrar of MU	Member-Secretary
- c) All decisions of EB will be taken by a majority vote.
- d) The quorum of the meeting will be three

### **6.2 Academic Board (AB)**

- a) This board will be responsible for the day to running of the centre and achieve the academic targets within financial budget approved by EB.
- b) This board will consist of the following :

Pro-Vice Chancellor (A&F) of MU	Chairman
A nominee of TM	Vice-Chairman
A nominee of ISJS India	Member
Registrar of MU	Member-Secretary
- c) All decisions of AB will be taken by a majority vote.
- d) The quorum of the meeting will be three

## **7.0 Implementation plan**

Immediately on formal agreement of this report, a task force consisting of the chairman of the EB and president of AB along with their nominees will be set up to make GCEJS functional. Activities to be finalized and implemented are listed below.

- 7.1 Financing GCEJS, its infrastructure, terms of using of facilities of TM, MU and ISJS.**
- a) TM will fully fund all activities and infrastructure (including the faculty and support staff) at GCEJS headquarter associated with infrastructure development and maintenance, upkeep, staff and their expenses.
  - b) MU will accord support for accreditation of program and supporting activities like holding exams, award of degrees etc.
  - c) ISJS will provide services of its chairman and faculty members at no charge. However their out of pocket expenses will be borne by GCEJS. ISJS will also incur all expenses associated with electronic advertising of the centre and attracting students from overseas.
- 7.2 Creating infrastructure and equipping the same**
- a) Identifying from existing buildings rooms adjacent to TM for immediate use to set up GCEJS. Acquire furniture, equipment etc (as approved by EB).
  - b) Set up terms and guidelines for use of TM facilities for maintenance of these facilities and use of boarding and lodging facilities by visiting GEJS faculty and students.
- 7.3 Design of M.A. and Ph.D. programs and their approval**
- ISJS in association with MU will prepare the structure, courseware for M.A. and Ph.D. programs for approval and adoption by AC/EC of MU.
- 7.4 Academic and supporting staff**
- Finalize strategy to be adopted. Minimum use of permanent staff and maximum use of visiting faculty and services of MU, TM and ISJS on pre-agreed terms recommended.
- 7.5 Initiating admission procedure, fee structure etc.**
- To be designed and initiated jointly by MU, TM and ISJS. It should be duly approved by AC/EC of MU.
- 8.0 Obligations of three partners**
- (a) MU, TM and ISJS wish to carry out education and research programs in Jain studies and related activities in corporation with each other.
  - (b) Each party will fulfill its obligations in letter and spirit as per the mutual agreement made between the parties.
- 9.0 Operational issues**
- The details concerning operations of GCEJS like; procedure for selection and recruitment of faculty, remuneration structure, ownership of staff and software (courseware) their performance appraisal criteria, promotion, discipline, hiring, firing, travel grants to present papers, stipends for M.A. and Ph.D. students, termination of

this agreement before maturity or extension etc. will be finalized by mutual agreement.

#### 10.0 Duration and termination

- a) This MoU is renewing in continuation of earlier MoU made on Twenty Second Day of March Two Thousand Eleven.
- b) This MoU will be valid for a minimum period of five years after which it will be favourably discussed for further continuation by the three partners.
- c) This MoU may be terminated by mutual consent of all the three parties, in writing.

#### 11.0 Variation

This MoU may be varied on amended by mutual consent of the parties, in writing, and variation or amendment shall become part of this MoU upon approval of AC/EC of MU.

### SIGNATURE OF PARTIES



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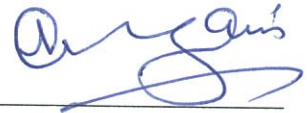


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