

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

**Title: Collaboration between Department of Sociology, Dhakuakhana College and Department of Sociology, Amguri College**

The parties:

1. The Principal, Dhakuakhana College  
P.O Dhakuakhana, Lakhimpur, Assam

2. The Principal, Amguri College  
P.O. Sivasagar, Assam

### BACKGROUND OF PARTIES

**Amguri College** was established in 17<sup>th</sup> July, 1967. The college remains the premier institute of higher education, imparting knowledge to the entire locality of Amguri and its nearby area. The college is brought under the deficit system of Grant-in-Aid in 1977 and is affiliated to the Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh. The college is recognized by University Grants Commission Act, 1950. The college offers undergraduate degrees in Arts and Commerce under the affiliating university. Besides, it runs Higher Secondary Courses and offers plethora of programmes in distance mode under Dibrugarh University Distance Education Council and Krishna Kanta Handique State Open University (KKHSOU). The College, enriched with all round co-education activities, has its widespread fame in the entire region and has now turned into a hub of more than 1500 students from all sections of the society. The College has completed its 50 year journey. Recently NAAC visited Amguri College and awarded Grade B+ CGPS 2.55).

**About the Sociology Department of Amguri College:** The Department of Sociology was established in the academic year 1967 with undergraduate programme in sociology. Late (Dr.) Gyassuddin Ahmed was the founder teacher of the department who served a period of his carrier. The department had grown up in the hand of a highly devoted and diligent group of educationists which includes Dr. Minoti Chutia and Late Horen Dihingia etc. and in the due course of time. The department have been able to create several research scholars four research scholar have been able to receive Ph. D degree from Dibrugarh University. At present, the department aims in developing academically competent and professionally motivated young leaders, and equipped with objective and critical thinking which can compassionately foster the scientific temper with a sense of social responsibility. The department has now five numbers of well qualified and dedicated faculties that excels both in teaching and research. The department has produced a short film, conducted online educational programmes, minor research project and also organised national seminars for academic development.

**Dhakuakhana College** in the District of Lakhimpur, Assam (India) was established in 1966 by way of public donations. It envisages social transformation through higher education and community reach out programs. The History of the college is a reflection of keen and earnest desire of the people of Dhakuakhana where most of the inhabitants belong

to the underprivileged sections of the society viz. the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Other backward classes. The college is affiliated to the Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh and recognized by the UGC under sections 2(f) and 12(B). The institution believes in establishing new courses, programmes to equip students in the changing scenario. The college organizes various community reach out programs through its NSS Unit and other forums and collaborates with NGOs and civic forums.

**About the Sociology Department:** The Department of Sociology, Dhakuakhana College, was introduced in the year of 1971-72 sessions. Since its inception this subject has been offered as one of the core subject. Mr. Kukhewer Dutta was the founder of the department. Later on and Mrs. Basanti Morang and Mr. Dimbeswar Chutia joined in the department in 1977 and 1986 respectively. The honours course was introduced forthwith in 1989 as a part of expansion of this department. Presently, the department has four faculties. The faculty members are engaged in various self funded research projects and field works on the issues related to caste and tribal studies, rural development, health. They have also completed two minor research projects (MRP) funded by UGC. The department has organized three national seminars funded by UGC, ICSSR and ICSSR-NERC etc. Beside, the department has also organized two Seven days Online Faculty Development Programmes(FDP) on Research methodology and Academic writings during pandemic situation.

#### **Objectives of MoU:**

One of the main objectives of higher education is to provide quality education to students and make them responsible citizens for the development of our society. This type of objective will be achieved if the department with similar aims and objectives come closer to share information and resources with each other for better growth and transformation. Collaborative activities will definitely help to identify the shortcomings, drawbacks and remedial measures. Thus, the Department of Sociology intend to collaborate with each other for the improvement of the students, community and society.

In particular, this MOU is intended to

1. Exchange of faculty and student for improving educational environment.
2. Explore ways to cooperate in education and training.
3. Encouraging the use of ICT tools for teaching-learning process.
4. Exchange academic material and information.
5. Improve communication, co-operation and innovative ideas among students.
6. Facilitate effective utilization of the intellectual capabilities.
7. Explore the possibilities for developing joint research joint research programme and collaborations.

#### **Functionaries:**

For proper implication:

1. Each department will constitute a committee to monitor and evaluate the functions of MoU.
2. A senior teacher of the department will be designated as Liaison officer for monitoring the committee.

3. Both the Liaison officers will prepare an annual plan with the consultation of the head of the institutions.

4. The Liaison officers will have to submit a report annually to the head of the institutions and Head of the institutions will produce that report to the committee constituted for monitoring the function.

**Scope of the MoU:**

1. Both institutions believe that close co-operation between the two would be a major benefit to the student community to enhance their skills and knowledge.

2. Both institutions will emphasise on teaching and training methodology.

3. The interaction between two departments will give an insight into the latest developments of the syllabus/course.

**Validity:**

1. The validity of the agreement is three year from the date of commencement.

2. After satisfactory completion of one year, agreement may be extended to next year.

3. Both Parties may terminate this MOU upon 30 calendar days' notice in writing. In the event of termination, both parties have to discharge their obligations.

**Declaration:**

The provisions cited in the above MoU are thoroughly discussed and reached at the consensus that both the institutions will follow the provisions and implement the same by heart and soul.

Name of the Liaison Officer:



Amguri College

Name of the Liaison Officer:



Dhakuakhana College

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