



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN**

**SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE  
BHOPAL**

**AND**

**KERALA INSTITUTE OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION  
THRISSUR**

**THE SIGNING CEREMONY**

**February 24, 2023**

This Memorandum of Understanding made on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2023 between **School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal (SPAB)** located at Neelbad Road, Bhauri, Bhopal, Pincode - 462 030, Madhya Pradesh and **Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA)** located at Mulamkunnathukavu, Thrissur, Pincode – 680581, Kerala constitutes the framework for academic collaboration and cooperation between the two esteemed institutions of India.

WHEREAS School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal (SPAB) was established in 2008 under an Act of Parliament of India as an autonomous Institute of National Importance by the Ministry of Education, Government of India (the then Ministry of Human Resources Development). SPAB is mandated to promote education and research towards the sustainable development of human settlements through the prism of architecture and planning. It endeavours to emerge as an institution of eminence in the sphere of planning and architecture education and practice nurtured by a forward-looking, dynamic and efficient pool of faculty following an industry centric and environment sensitive multidisciplinary approach. Besides offering undergraduate degrees in Architecture and Planning, SPAB offers postgraduate and doctoral degrees in as many as seven disciplines across Planning, Architecture and Design.

WHEREAS, KILA is an autonomous institution functioning for the Local governments in Kerala. It was registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955. Ever since its inception in 1990, KILA has been engaged in myriad of capacity building interventions on local governance and decentralisation including training, action-research, publications, seminars and workshops, consultancy, documentation, handholding and information services. KILA has the mandate of facilitating and accelerating the socio-economic development of the state through strengthening the Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs).

WHEREAS representatives of both the above-mentioned institutions met and discussed areas of mutual interest and benefit and expressed intent to cooperate and collaborate.

THEREFORE, NOW HEREBY, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSEETH AS FOLLOWS:

- THAT SPAB and KILA shall exchange and share knowledge, research papers and reports, where ever feasible, on various aspects of urban planning, public policy and allied areas

- THAT SPAB and KILA shall design and conduct, wherever feasible, various academic, research, training and capacity building programmes of varying duration
- THAT SPAB and KILA shall jointly work, wherever feasible, on teaching, research and consultancy projects
- THAT SPAB and KILA shall permit, wherever feasible, mutual exchange of faculty and students for various educational assignments
- THAT SPAB and KILA would develop, wherever feasible, joint planning/design education initiatives required for strengthening the democratic engagement in urban/regional planning
- THAT SPAB and KILA would jointly, wherever feasible, design trainings and capacity building activities for elected representatives/officers in the Urban Local Governments and associated agencies
- THAT SPAB and KILA would jointly, wherever feasible, adopt a city/region within Kerala to study its planning and governance needs till 2030 and formulate strategies for spatial governance and capacity development
- THAT SPAB would share, wherever feasible, the academic and research publications by the faculty members and students pertaining to urban issues in Kerala for inclusion into KILA's Urban Research Repository
- THAT SPAB and KILA would collaborate to promote innovations in Planning Institutions and Urban Local Governments
- THAT SPAB would be an institutional partner of the Biennial Kerala Urban Forum organised by Kochi Municipal Corporation in partnership with KILA
- THAT this MoU does not envisage any financial commitment on the part of either SPAB or KILA, the signatories to this Memorandum and if there are any financial commitments, they shall be deliberated, decided upon and agreed to, as and when the need arises, through separate agreements, as and when required
- THAT both the institutions may undertake any such activity which is of mutual interest and in tune with the policies of the governments in the interest of the development of human habitat and built environment
- THAT this MoU is entirely voluntary in nature from both the institutions, shall be valid for a period of *five years* from the date of signing and can be modified

and/or extended, on mutual consent, by giving a notice of three months on either side and terminated by either side, without according any reason, by giving a notice of three months on either side.

Prof. Dr. Binayak Choudhury, Professor, SPA Bhopal and Prof. Dr. Ajith Kaliyath, Urban Chair Professor, KILA will be the Nodal Officers from SPAB and KILA respectively.

IN AGREEMENT THEREOF, both the above-mentioned Institutions hereby affix their signatures and seals hereunder:

 24/2/23

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