



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, MUMBAI

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Maharashtra, India

&

SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, BHOPAL

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The MoU is mutually signed on 10 Day of April 2023 between

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (hereinafter 'TISS') as the **first Party**, Represented by the Registrar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.

AND

School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal (hereinafter 'SPAB') as the **Second Party**, represented by Registrar, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal

TISS and SPA, Bhopal are referred to collectively as the "**Parties**"

The MoU seeks to establish a framework of cooperation between the First Party and the Second Party as two independent entities. The projects and activities developed under this MoU will be anchored at the School of Public Policy and Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Campus. Expertise, technology collaborations, and human resources can be drawn from other Schools and Centres of TISS.



Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, since its inception in 1936, has been an institution of excellence in higher education that continually responds to changing social realities through the development and application of knowledge towards creating a people-centred, ecologically sustainable and just society that promotes and protects the dignity, equality, social justice and human rights for all. The TISS works towards this vision through the creation and provision of socially relevant and high-quality professional education in a wide range of inter-disciplinary areas of Social Sciences; promote research and dissemination of knowledge, strategic extension; field action, and advocacy through training and capacity-building of State and non-State institutions and personnel; Initiate field action and advocacy to demonstrate and facilitate the creation of policies and programmes. TISS - Hyderabad Campus is approved by the University Grants Commission, Government of India, as an off-campus of TISS. The School of Public Policy and Governance at TISS Hyderabad has significant experience in public policy research. It has delivered impactful research, created institutional frameworks for collaboration and is committed to developing policy, research, teaching and advocacy networks.

School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal (SPAB) 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 is mandated to promote education and research towards the sustainable development of human settlements through the prism of architecture, planning and design. It endeavours to emerge as an institution of eminence in the sphere of planning, architecture and design 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. SPAB endeavours to emerge as the 'University of Imagination', where a sense of enquiry will prevail amongst all stakeholders- students, researchers, professors and society at large. SPAB will strive for social sustenance through universal design, cultural sustenance through conservation and environmental sustenance through the discipline of Architecture, Planning and Design. Towards this, the mission of the School is:

- To create a centre of excellence for imparting quality education at undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral and post- doctoral levels in Planning, Architecture and Design.
- To set up national level research and development centre with special emphasis on research and consultancy work in the field of Planning, Architecture and Design.



- To establish national level research and database hub along with a decision support centre for the preparation and implementation of settlement and habitat development programme for the Government.
- To mentor other architecture and spatial planning institutions in the central region of India.
- To nurture a cadre of high calibre faculty members devoted to teaching, research and consultancy in the field of Planning, Architecture and Design.
- To forge academic ties with both national and foreign institutions for student exchange programme, faculty orientation programme and collaborative research.

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations, the parties have reached the following understanding:

Article 1: Objectives

1.1 The objective of this MoU is to collaborate and initiate teaching, research and capacity-building programmes that can strengthen policy and research intervention in urban areas.

Article 2: Scope of the MoU

2.1 Under this MoU, the parties agree to pursue the following objectives:

- Offer courses and teaching programmes for the students and faculty
- Develop and Offer joint Degree/Diploma/ Certificate Programmes
- Jointly develop research programmes of mutual interest on themes related to urban policy and development
- Jointly conduct research projects on relevant subjects in the urban sector
- Jointly organise capacity-building programmes
- Jointly conduct monitoring, evaluation and impact studies
- Jointly host seminars/ conferences and workshops

Article 3: Operation of the MoU

3.1 For the operationalisation of this MoU, Terms of Reference documents (hereinafter "ToR") shall be drafted and agreed upon in writing by both parties to carry out specific activities/projects. The ToRs shall describe the context, objectives, and expected outcomes of the activities/projects. They shall also define the financial costs and responsibilities as well as the timeline and deliverables of the activities/projects. The said ToRs will be treated as part and parcel of this MoU for all purposes.



