

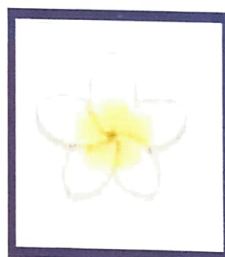
FATIMA COLLEGE (Autonomous)
(COLLEGE WITH POTENTIAL FOR EXCELLENCE)
RE-ACCREDITED WITH 'A' GRADE BY NAAC (III CYCLE)
94TH RANK IN INDIA RANKING 2019(NIRF) BY MHRD
MARY LAND, MADURAI-625018

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL WORK
(FATIMA COLLEGE , MADURAI)**

WITH

SHANT MANAS, MADURAI



02.03.2020

The Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College (Autonomous), Madurai 625018
represented by the Head of the Department of Sociology & Social Work, herein referred as the
'Department of Sociology & Social Work'

And

Shant Manas, a Non- Governmental Organization, having its central office at Kochadai, Madurai,
duly represented by its Managing Director, herein referred as 'Shant Manas' have agreed upon a
Memorandum of Understanding

on
2nd March, 2020

I. Purpose and Scope:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) provides a framework for co-operation between the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College and Shant Manas, Madurai to explore the application of various skills of the students during the course of their study and to help them to promote positive mental health by working in close partnership with families and the local communities.

Fatima College is an Autonomous Institution and is run by St. Joseph's Society of Madurai (of the congregation of the sisters of St. Joseph of Lyons). The college function with the prime objective of enhancing the quality of life by enabling the women to become contributors in the economic, social, and political development of India by equipping them with multi-dimensional capabilities required for different life situations. The college was given Five Star Status of merit by NAAC in 1999. In 2004 the UGC conferred on the college the Status of **College with Potential for Excellence**. In 2006 and 2013 NAAC re-accredited the college with 'A' grade. The college was ranked 94th in the All India NIRF Ranking in 2019.

The **Department of Sociology** was started in the year 1960, keeping Women Studies and Social Gerontology as the thrust areas. PG course on Social Work was introduced in the year 2005 with Community Development, Medical & Psychiatric and Human Resource Development as Specialization. The vision of the Department of Sociology & Social Work is to be a *Nucleus for Social Transformation to create a society with equality, justice and peace*. The objective of the Department of Sociology & Social Work is to enable students to analyze the social realities with

sociological perspectives, to motivate the students to imbibe analytical skills and research aptitudes, and to promote social consciousness in students to empower the marginalized.

Shant Manas was begun in 2007 by **Dr. Cahn Vasudevan**, a retired Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist from the UK. His was a simple idea of 'putting back' some of his skills and experience into a small rural community of the country of his origin and making mental health services accessible to a section of people who previously had no such service available to them. Shant Manas began as a small clinical project in 4 villages. Since its inception it has expanded its field of care to 14 villages, with a combined estimated population of about 80,000. It is staffed by three full-time mental health social workers (supported by supervision from 2 seasonal psychiatrists) overseeing the psychiatric and social care of 220 service users, with around 50 of them being in active treatment, as of in May 2015. As well as the treatment of psychiatric disorders, Shant Manas aims to provide education on mental health to the local population, reducing stigma and myths surrounding mental health. Due to its success the service continues to expand as demand and awareness of mental health increases. The main body of clinical and social work at Shant Manas is to do with all forms of mental illness and their consequences, but in a very limited sense with difficulties relating to alcohol addiction or learning difficulties.

II. Authorities:

Nothing in this MOU alters the statutory authorities of the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College and Shant Manas. This MOU is intended to facilitate co-operative efforts for mutual provision of services and support by both parties in the academic programmes of the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College. The co-operation and co-ordination is not limited to the parties to this MOU, and each party independently or jointly, may co-operate with other governmental and non-governmental extensions, interested states, regional and local agencies, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations and foundations and public interest groups.

III. Roles and Responsibilities:

The memorandum of understanding (MOU) provides a frame work for co-operation between the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College and Shant Manas shall be executed, pursuant to this MOU, to define specific undertaking and must be consistent with the provisions of this MOU and shall comply with the laws, resolutions and orders pertaining to the respective department and agencies.

The collaboration between the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College and Shant Manas would be on the broader areas as followed:

- ❖ Provide strategic support to the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College in designing and or offering the Development Forum for students.
- ❖ Exchange expertise and resources required to fulfill the objectives of the implementing agreement made with the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College and programme of Shant Manas.
- ❖ Facilitate the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College to guide and support the students to carry out the assignments, Projects in areas decided mutually by both the parties.
- ❖ Create opportunities for the students to take up their career in the development sector by exposing them to be skilled in handling Positive Mental Health.
- ❖ Conduct joint programmes and research in areas of mutual interest.
- ❖ The skilled training programmes are to be conducted to improve their employability skills and to explore their knowledge in the field.
- ❖ Facilitate internship for the students of the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College.
- ❖ Identifying and documenting practical / local issues and violations and help them find solutions.
- ❖ Develop and promote a social consciousness among the students, through workshops, seminars, meetings and other means such as Role Plays, camps, campaigns, publications, posters and street theatres.

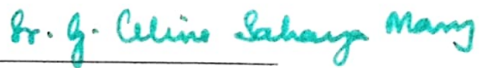
IV. Finance:

Fatima College and Shant Manas, Madurai shall handle their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of their funds unless otherwise agreed in specific implementing agreements, in pursuing these objectives. There shall be no financial commitment from both parties. Shant Manas, Madurai will not provide financial assistance in any form for the students to take up their internship. The students are to manage all the expenses required for completing the assignments including payments for the equipments and infrastructure provided by the centre as decided and fixed mutually by the centre and the department.

V. Rights in Data:

DECLARATION

This working agreement shall come into force on the date of signature of the general MOU between the Department of Sociology & Social Work, Fatima College and Shant Manas without any other formality and shall run for a term of five year. (02.03.2020 to 02.03.2025).



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