

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

TUMKUR UNIVERSITY

A university set up by the Government of Karnataka and having its office at Vishvavidyalaya Karyalaya, University Constituent College Campus, B.H Road, Tumkur 572103, Karnataka, and hereinafter referred to as "Tumkur University" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof) be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns of the One Part;

AND

HIGHER EDUCATION CELL CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF CULTURE AND SOCIETY

A Cell set up by the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore in 2007 for Research and Programme Development in Higher Education and having its office at No.827, Poornaprajna HBCS Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560061, and hereinafter referred to as "HEC" (which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof) be deemed to mean and include its successors and permitted assigns of the Second Part.

1. Background and Aims:

- i. Tumkur University was established by the Government of Karnataka in 2004 vide a state legislation. Tumkur University has courses in

disciplines spanning across the Arts, Science, Commerce and Management streams and offers PhD programmes in many of the areas. Tumkur University is also expanding its programmes to innovative and upcoming areas.

- ii. The Higher Education Cell (HEC) set up in the Centre for the Study of Culture and Society, Bangalore, in 2007, aims to evolve innovative research and interventionary practices in Higher Education. HEC has partnered major donor agencies like Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Navajbai Ratan Tata Trust and Ford Foundation as also the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, along with many major State and Central Universities in India.

2. Scope:

- i. To design and implement projects in the area of quality reform in higher education with special focus on teacher capacity building, innovative courseware development and academic resource production
- ii. To present collaborative projects aimed at the development of social sciences, possibility of interface between social and natural sciences and inter-disciplinary education at the tertiary level in India.
- iii. To field-test through the Tumkur University institutional network, the new materials produced, and set up forums for teacher capacity building.

