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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING & Knowledge Partnership Between

This Bipartite Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") has been made on the basis of mutual understanding between the **Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, Karnataka** and **Kalike, Bengaluru**. The purpose of this MoU is for setting up an operational mechanism for offering Certificate Course in "Creating and Sustaining Child-Friendly Libraries (CFL) for Gram Panchayat Librarians and other individuals interested in child-friendly library initiatives throughout the State. This MoU is entered into on 4th day of February 2026 at Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi.

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BY AND BETWEEN

The Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi, Karnataka, located at Kadaganchi, Aland Road, Kalaburagi – 585 367, on behalf represented by the Department of Education, School of Education and Training (SET), Central University of Karnataka (CUK), Kadaganchi, Aland Road, Kalaburagi - 585367 (hereinafter referred to as "**Department of Education, SET, CUK**"), of **THE ONE PART;**

AND

Kalike, a non-profit organization duly registered under Indian Trusts Act, 1882, having its registered office at No.72, 2nd cross, GKW layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560040 duly represented by its Chairperson (hereinafter referred as "**Kalike**"), of **THE SECOND PART;**

Department of Education, CUK and Kalike are referred to hereinafter as the "**Parties,**" and each individually as "**Party.**"

WHEREAS:

- (A) The Central University of Karnataka (CUK), established by an Act of Parliament in 2009 at Kalaburagi, Karnataka, is one of 16 Central Universities founded under the UGC XI Plan to promote equity and access in higher education. Operational since August 2009, CUK serves the entire state and aspires to be a center of academic excellence and inclusivity. Located on a 654-acre campus near Kadaganchi village, the university comprises 12 schools and 28 departments (as of 2025), offering programmes in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Management, Sciences, and Engineering. The Department of Education, SET, established in 2016, offers B.Ed, M.Ed, and research programmes aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and Viksit Bharat goals. With the vision of "Excellence in Teacher Education through Efficiency, Impartiality, and Integrity," the department aims to nurture passionate educators, foster leadership, and cultivate nation-builders committed to social justice and human values
- (B) Kalike is registered in Karnataka and has its offices in Bengaluru and Yadgir. Kalike strives to facilitate deep, large scale and long-term impact on the quality of life through interventions primarily in the areas of early childhood development, education at the school-level, encouraging agri-based livelihoods, skill development and water and sanitation. Besides facilitating interventions in partnership with the State Governments and other non-governmental organisations (NGOs)/ institutions, Kalike plays a critical role in providing monitoring services and incubating new innovations/ strategies. Kalike acts as a knowledge hub and works towards scaling up these programs for long-term impact.

1. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA AND KALIKE

Broad Objectives

In order to "Creating and Sustaining Child-Friendly Libraries (CFL)" in Gram Panchayat Libraries and other Community Based Libraries in the State of Karnataka, and the Parties will collaboratively;



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1. Develop short-term certificate course on "Creating and Sustaining Child-Friendly Libraries (CFL)" and address the systemic issues in developing qualified community librarians and educators in delivering quality library intervention for children and youths.
2. Take up specific "Action Research Studies and Projects" linked to Education & other disciplines in Kalyana Karnataka Region and State.
3. Organise Faculty Exchange Programmes and Capacity Enhancement Initiatives through workshops, seminars and academic engagements.
4. Create cross-learning opportunities for University Research Scholars, B.Ed & M.Ed students.

2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA

Department of Education, SET, CUK, will undertake the following responsibilities:

- a) Appointing a representative of Central University of Karnataka as the "Nodal Officer" for ensuring regular interaction and communication with Kalike Organisation. Nodal Officer shall (i) be responsible to designing and execution of the certificate courses and research studies; (ii) communicating with relevant departments within the Central University of Karnataka in ensuring timely completion of all the planned activities and ensuring execution of the same; and (iii) coordinating with the Programme Director/Manager from Kalike on regular basis to review the progress of the Programme.
- b) Facilitate short-term certificate course in deploying suitable resource persons for conducting trainings/workshops etc.
- c) Working collaboratively to ensure the provision of necessary logistics, including training space, boarding, and lodging, for participants of the certificate course.
- d) Facilitating workshops and seminars in developing relevant action research studies in collaboration with Kalike Organisation for the region and sector.
- e) Deploying faculty and students in execution of the research studies in planning, data collection, analysis, report writing and publishing.
- f) No financial implications envisioned by Department of Education, SET, CUK.

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF KALIKE

Kalike's roles and responsibilities in the context of the Programme will involve:

- a) Deploying one "Programme Director" to oversee the implementation of the Programme by Kalike, who shall meet with the Nodal Officer (*as defined above*) on regular basis to review the progress of the Programme.
- b) Facilitate workshops/discussion forums in collaboration with Department of Education, SET, CUK towards finalising the certificate course based on the University Norms and procedures.
- c) Provide financial support to Department of Education, SET, CUK for offering the certificate course on child friendly library to gram panchayat librarians and others community librarians for 3 years.
- d) Provide necessary support in conducting joint action research studies on various sectors/disciplines with Department of Education, SET, CUK and to facilitate workshops, seminars etc to disseminate the key findings and advocating the District and State Governments towards policy changes etc.



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- e) Formulating process and tools that the parties can use to assess the progress of the programs/interventions.

4. CONSTITUTION OF A STEERING COMMITTEE

- a) A steering committee will be formed to guide the implementation of the Programme ("**Steering Committee**") and shall meet (a) once in every three months; or (b) at such intervals as may be mutually agreed, to assess the progress of its initiatives under this MoU and to discuss and resolve related issues.
- b) The Steering Committee will comprise of (a) Head / Dean of Department of Education, SET and Nodal Officer from Department of Education, SET, CUK; and (b) representatives from Kalike, including Executive Director & Program Director. The Steering Committee will be chaired by the Vice Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka and Program Director from Kalike will act as the Secretary.
- c) The indicative terms of reference for the Steering Committee are given below:
1. Identifying the goals of the Programme;
 2. Reviewing the progress of the Programme's implementation and developing necessary action plans;
 3. Reviewing the Programme's activities, outputs, outcomes and achievements; and
 4. Providing further directions for the implementation of the Programme, along with necessary changes as and when required

5. INTELLECTUAL RIGHTS

- a) This MoU shall not be deemed or construed to convey or transfer any intellectual property rights from one Party to the other Party, except insofar as necessary to implement the Program.
- b) It is also hereby agreed that both the parties, Department of Education, SET, CUK and Kalike, shall jointly maintain full right, title and interest in any intellectual property right under this particular collaboration and will be free to quote and share information arising out of this partnership
- c) Both the parties understand that the participation in this MoU does not constitute an endorsement, express or implied of any policy advocated by either institution. Further, this document is not intended to create legal or binding obligations on either party
- d) Nothing contained herein will prevent Department of Education, SET, CUK and Kalike from using any training modules, documentation or methodologies developed in the course of implementing the Programme, during the Term or thereafter outside the scope of its engagement under this MoU, including independently, or in conjunction with other States or third parties. Parties acknowledge and agree that this clause will survive the expiry of this MoU.

6. REPRESENTATION, WARRANTIES AND UNDERTAKINGS

The Parties represent and warrant that (a) they (or any person acting on their behalf) shall comply with all Applicable Law in performance of its obligations under this MoU; and (b) each of its Programme-related initiatives are in compliance with Applicable Law. "Applicable Law" for this purpose shall mean any statute, national, state, provincial, local, municipal, foreign, international, multi-national, other law, treaty, code, regulation, ordinance, rule, judgement, order, decree, bylaw, approval of any government agency, directive, guideline, policy requirement, or other governmental restrictions, or any similar



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form of decision of or determination by, or any interpretation or administration having the force of law or any of the foregoing by any governmental agency have jurisdiction over the matter in question, whether as on effect as of the date of this MoU or anytime thereafter.

Kalike further represents that:

- a) it has the requisite power and is duly authorized to enter into this MoU;
- b) it agrees to fulfil its roles and responsibilities in good faith, in accordance with the terms of the MoU and subject to Applicable Law; and
- c) it has obtained all necessary consents for the performance of Programme as per this MoU.

Department of Education, SET, CUK further represents that:

- a) it has the requisite power and is duly authorized by the competent authority to enter into this MoU;
- b) it agrees to fulfil its roles and responsibilities in good faith, in accordance with the terms of the MoU and subject to Applicable Law; and
- c) it has obtained all necessary consents for the performance of Programme as per this MoU.

7. REPRESENTATIVES

- a) Department of Education, SET, CUK hereby nominates the Dr. Mayur Pujari, Assistant Professor as the Nodal Officer, to interact with Kalike, for any issues related to the initiatives stated in this MoU.
- b) Kalike hereby nominates the Executive Director, Kalike to interact with Department of Education, SET, CUK, for any issues related to the initiatives stated in this MoU, and generally in relation to the Programme.
- c) Either Party may change and /or nominate additional representatives, as it may deem necessary, subject to intimation in writing to the other Party.

8. NOTICES

- a) Except as otherwise specifically set forth herein, all notices and other communications from one Party to the other Party will be in writing, in the English language, delivered by hand or by prepaid registered or certified mail, prepaid receipted commercial courier service, or electronically receipted email to the other Party at the address stated below. Any notice shall be deemed to have been received: (i) on the date of signature of a delivery receipt, if delivered by receipted commercial courier service; or (ii) at the time of successful transmission, if sent by email. Proof of service would be required to be maintained by the Parties.
- b) Notices shall be addressed to the appropriate Party at the following address or to such other address or place as such party may from time to time designate.

In case of notices to Department of Education, SET, CUK:

Address: Nodal Officer, Department of Education, SET, CUK (D-23, Department of Education, School of Education and Training, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi – 585367)

Attention: Nodal Officer, Department of Education, SET, CUK

Email: mayurpujari@cuk.ac.in, CC: deanset@cuk.ac.in




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In case of notices to **Kalike**:

Address: No.72, 2nd Cross, GKW Layout, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru - 560040

Attention: Shivakumar D

Email: dshivakumar@kalike.org, grishh@kalike.org

9. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- a) This MoU will take effect on 4th February 2026 and shall remain in effect for a period of 3 (three) years (**Term**).
- b) At the end of 3 (three) years, both the Parties may execute a fresh memorandum of understanding or may extend the period of this MoU on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed in writing. However, reference to this MoU may be made in the fresh document.

10. TERMINATION

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Governing Law and Dispute Resolution clause below, each Party shall have the right to terminate this MoU immediately upon written notice to the other Party if the other Party (a) fails to fulfil its roles and obligations under this MoU or otherwise materially breaches the terms and conditions of this MoU and has not cured such breach to the reasonable satisfaction of the other Party within 60 (sixty) days after notice of such breach from the non-breaching Party; or (b) breaches Applicable Law.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a) This MoU shall be interpreted, construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of India.
- b) In the event of any dispute between the Parties arising under this MoU (including with regard to the existence, validity or enforceability of this MoU or any provisions hereof), the Executive Director of Kalike, and the Nodal Officer, from Department of Education, SET, CUK shall use their best efforts to resolve such dispute amicably through discussions between senior representatives of the Parties within a reasonable period. However, if the difference of dispute is not resolved as such, the decision by Vice Chancellor, Central University of Karnataka, shall be final and binding upon parties.
- c) This MoU shall be governed and construed in accordance with Laws of India and the Parties agree to submit themselves to the exclusive jurisdiction of Courts at Kalaburagi.

12. AMENDMENTS

No Amendment, supplement, modification or clarification to this MoU shall be valid or binding unless set forth in writing and duly executed by the Parties to this MoU.

13. RELATIONSHIP

This MoU is on a principal-to-principal basis between the Parties hereto. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to create any association, partnership, joint venture or relationship of principal and agent or master and servant or employer and employee between the parties hereto or any affiliates thereof or to provide either party with the right, power or authority, whether express or implied to create any such duty or obligation on behalf of the Party.





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14. COUNTERPARTS

This MoU may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed as original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same MoU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have hereunto set their respective hands and seals the day and year above written

SIGNED AND DELIVERED BY

For the Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi

Signature: [Signature] 05/02/2026

Registrar, Central University of Karnataka

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Witness signature: [Signature] 05/02/2026

HoD/ Dean, Department of Education, SET, CUK

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SIGNED AND DELIVERED BY

For the Trustees of Kalike

Signature: [Signature]
Executive Director



Witness signature: [Signature]

Girish H, Program Director