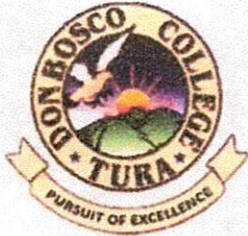




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Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya, India

represented by Fr. Bivan Rodriques Mukhim SDB, Principal, Don Bosco College, Tura,

And

Caritas Mymensingh Region, Bangladesh

represented by Apurbo Mrong, Regional Director, Caritas Mymensingh Region

This Agreement is made on 03.06.2024 between Don Bosco College, Tura Meghalaya, (India) affiliated to North Eastern Hills University, Shillong represented by its Principal Rev. Fr. Bivan Rodriques Mukhim SDB (here after referred to as "DBC") as the first party and Caritas Mymensingh Region represented by its Regional Director, Apurbo Mrong (here after referred to as "CMR") as the second party.


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Whereas

- a) **Don Bosco College, Tura, Meghalaya**, is located in sylvan surroundings, against the background of the imposing Tura peak and overlooking a vast expanse of hills, valleys, plains and rivers. The College was established by the Salesians of Don Bosco in 1987 to serve the cause of higher education for the people of Garo Hills in particular and North East India in general. Don Bosco College, Tura is a registered society and is permanently affiliated to North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) for Degree Courses in Arts, Science and Commerce. The College is recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) and has been awarded 'B' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Presently there are over 100 teaching and non-teaching staff members and over 3000 students in the campus. With the Motto: 'Pursuit of Excellence' the College strives towards imparting education to all the students of the North East region of India.
- b) **DBC** is desirous to associate and collaborate with **CMR** on various areas as outlined within the purview of this MoU, which is expected to be mutually beneficial to both organizations.

Whereas

Caritas Mymensingh Region is one of the eight Regions of Caritas Bangladesh (CB). CB is a Bangladeshi, local, national, non-profit, developmental organization, established by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Bangladesh (CBCB) to carry out activities of integrated social welfare and development. In 1967, Caritas started its first operations in Bangladesh as the former branch of West Pakistan. After the devastating cyclone of November 1970, Caritas was reorganized as the Christian Organization for Relief and Rehabilitation (CORR), which became a national institution on January 13, 1971. Later the organization resumed its work and activities in 1976 under the name Caritas.

CB is a member of the Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 165 Caritas Member Organizations over 200 countries and territories. Caritas is registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 No. 3760-B of 1972-73 dated 13th July 1972. It is also registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Secretariat, The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh having registration No. 009 dated 22nd April 1981 under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance, 1978. CB is also registered under the Micro-credit Regulatory Authority Act 2006 with the registration No. 00032-00286-00184, dated 16th March 2008. CB has its Central Office at House


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Outer Circular Road, Shantibagh, Dhaka-1217, Bangladesh and Caritas Mymensingh Regional Office at House 15, Catholic Padri Mission Road, Bhatikashore, Mymensingh-2200.

Objectives:

1. Celebration of Oneness:

The two parties signing the MoU aim to celebrate their unity and strengthen the bonds among A·chiks/Mandis in India and Bangladesh, promoting cultural harmony and understanding.

2. Insight and Understanding:

To deepen the understanding of the lives, traditions, and challenges faced by the Mandis/A·chiks of both countries and to foster empathy and mutual support.

3. Preservation of Culture:

To work together to appreciate and preserve the rich cultural heritage of the A·chik/Mandi communities, identifying and safeguarding elements at risk of disappearance/extinction.

4. Literary Development:

To promote the development, study, and appreciation of A·chik literature through collaborative initiatives and educational programmes.

Validity:

This MoU is valid for **one year** from the date of signing and may be renewed for one year at a time, upon mutual agreement by both parties.

Scope:

The scope of this MoU encompasses cultural, educational, and collaborative initiatives aimed at achieving the stated objectives within Garo Hills Districts (of Meghalaya State) of India and Bangladesh and with reference to A·chik/Mandi community only.


Features:

1. Cultural Exchange Program:

1. Each of the parties signing the MoU shall organize at least one Cultural Exchange Programme annually, involving representatives from both parties to share experiences.


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traditional knowledge and expertise.

2. Exchange Programmes to include workshops, seminars, cultural performances such as traditional dances, traditional songs, poetry, traditional narrations, traditional musical renditions, folk games sports, traditional food and modes of food preparations, traditional and contemporary weaving and other folk and traditional activities and interactive sessions to enhance cultural understanding.

2. Socio-Cultural Experiences:

1. Facilitate immersive socio-cultural experiences for selective participants/young people in villages of India and Bangladesh, providing opportunities for first-hand learning and interaction.

2. These experiences may involve home-stays, community engagements, and cultural immersion activities.

3. Responsibilities for Participants:

1. The sponsoring country/institution/organization shall ensure that participants have valid passports, visas, NOCs, and permissions as required for travel and participation.

2. Participants are expected to adhere to all laws, regulations, and guidelines of the host country during the exchange programmes.

4. Risk Management:

Acknowledge that in the event of any untoward incident such as a natural calamity, the host organization shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage incurred by participants.

5. Supervision and Support:

1. The host organization shall provide a conducive environment for cultural exchanges and learning, with active supervision and support throughout the programme duration.

2. Adequate monitoring and assistance shall be provided to ensure the safety, well-being, and meaningful engagement of all participants.


6. Logistical Support:

1. The sponsoring country/institution/organization is responsible for providing necessary costumes and attire for cultural displays and activities.

2. The host country shall provide musical instruments as per the programme's requirements.


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7. **Behavioral Expectations:**

1. Participants are expected to demonstrate appropriate behavior, respect local customs and traditions, and show gratitude to the hosts and the land hosting them.
2. The sponsoring institution/organization shall conduct orientation sessions to prepare participants for cultural sensitivities and expectations.

8. **Escort and Supervisor Requirements:**

1. Each youth team participating in cultural exchange programmes shall be accompanied by at least two escorts/supervisors—one of whom should be a female adult, to ensure supervision, guidance, and support. Such escorts/supervisors must necessarily be Staffs from the parties who have entered into the MoU.

9. **Financial Arrangements:**

1. The signatories of this MoU in both countries shall bear the financial expenses related to the agreed-upon programmes, including but not limited to food, lodging, travel, and programme logistics within the hosting country.

Signed and Agreed:

For Don Bosco College, Tura:



[Signature]

Fr. Bivan Rodriques Mukhim SDB

Principal

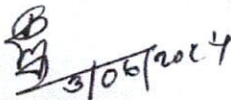
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Witnesses:

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2. Dr. Colnat B. Marak

For Caritas, Bangladesh:



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2. Rozina Rongma

Date: