MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (UGC)
And
THE INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY (IIAS)

1. The University Grants Commission (UGC) was established by an Act of Parliament in 1956 and is a body charged with a responsibility for maintenance of standards of teaching and research in higher education imparted in universities/colleges. It takes steps to promote research in the universities in all branches of human knowledge. The Commission has been further assigned the function under clause 12 ccc to establish institutions for providing common facilities, services and programmes for a group of universities or universities in general.

2. The Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS) is an institution established by 'The Indian Institute of Advanced Study Society', registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. The Institute aims at promoting creative thought in areas of deep human significance, and provides an environment suitable for academic research in humanities and social sciences.

   To provide facilities, including financial assistance, for advanced study to teachers and other scholars for specified periods is one of the important objects of the Institute. Another object is to organise meetings, lectures, symposia and conferences. To organise and conduct refresher courses, summer schools, and any other courses considered necessary by the authorities of the Institute is also among its objects. It can award Fellowships, Studentships and loans, monetary assistance and prizes in accordance with its rules and bye-laws.

   In order to pursue its objects, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study can collaborate with other academic, learned or governmental bodies, and it can accept grants, subscriptions, donations, gifts, bequests from governments, corporations, trusts or persons.

3. Whereas the University Grants Commission proposes to establish an Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences to promote academic interaction between teachers, scholars and students of universities/colleges in the interest of higher education and research, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study is already performing some of the functions of an Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences, and it can undertake additional functions appropriate for such a Centre. Furthermore, a cooperative arrangement between the University Grants Commission and the Indian Institute of Advanced Study would serve an important national interest with minimal financial resources.

4. The University Grants Commission and the Indian Institute of Advanced Study mutually agree that collaboration between the two will be of immense benefit to promote academic interaction and growth for Humanities and Social Sciences. In order to achieve this objective, the following arrangement is agreed upon:

   (i) The Indian Institute of Advanced Study will make its residential, library and secretarial facilities accessible to teachers and research scholars of universities/colleges, and other institutions of higher education, and will perform various functions of an Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences.

   (ii) The University Grants Commission will meet all expenditure on a reimbursable basis, and will provide necessary amount in advance for the purpose and for the teachers'/research scholars' participation in the activities of the Institute and to develop additional programmes specially meant for its role as Inter-University Centre.

   (iii) A Coordination Committee of the Governing Body of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study and the University Grants Commission would jointly work out and promote the activities specifically needed for the functions of the Institute related to its role as Inter-University Centre.

   (iv) The University Grants Commission will deem the Indian Institute of Advanced Study to be its Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences and provide financial resources as mentioned under 4 (ii) above on a five year plan basis. The Indian Institute of Advanced Study will announce this recognition in a suitable form.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for a period of ten years, after which it will be reviewed.

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