MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between

K.R. MANGALAM UNIVERSITY

Sohna Road, Gurugram (Haryana)-122103

and

RV COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE®

CA Site No.1, Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th Block | Chikegowadanapalya, Bengaluru- 560109

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The Memorandum of Understanding is executed on 29th day of September, 2022.

BETWEEN

K.R. Mangalam University, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122103 (Delhi NCR Region), a University established under the Haryana Private Universities Act 2006 (Amended 08 of 2013) and under section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956 wherein empowered to award degrees, as specified under section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956, through its Registrar, presently Gp. Capt. P. Mahajan duly authorized to enter into and sign an MOU on behalf of K.R. Mangalam University, PARTY OF THE FIRST PART.

AND

R V College of Architecture (RVCA), Bengaluru started in the year 1992, is an institution under the parent umbrella of Rashtreeya Shikshana Samiti Trust. R V College of Architecture (RVCA), Bengaluru CA Site No.1, Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th Block , Chikegowadanapalya, Bengaluru- 560109 signing MOU through its Registrar duly authorized in this regard to sign an MOU on behalf of the University, PARTY OF THE SECOND PART.

The expression KRMU and R V College of Architecture (RVCA), shall, mean and include the Institutions/Organizations, their successors, appointees, assignees etc.

KRMU and R V College of Architecture (RVCA), are individually referred to as "Party" and jointly as "Parties".

INTRODUCTION:

K. R. Mangalam University, Haryana, India

K.R. Mangalam University is a fast-growing higher education institute in Gurugram, India. Since its inception in 2013, the University has been transforming young lives through ground-breaking pedagogy, global collaborations, and world-class infrastructure.
School of Architecture and Design at K R Mangalam University offers highly advance and practical programs for budding Architects, Interior Designers and Fashion Designers.

The students graduate with a strong foundation of multi-disciplinary skills related to aesthetics, environment-friendly and sustainable design, construction techniques, and space transformations.

The programs aim at providing a specialized understanding of the creative industry with a contemporary approach. Our course structure focuses on unveiling the talents and enabling students to pursue enormous career options offered in the wide spectrum of design. Our University offers five-year Bachelors program in Architecture. B. Arch approved by the Council of Architecture. The school imparts technical skills, aesthetical understanding, and planning the building models in compliance with planning and building laws.
The three-year B.Sc Hons. (Interior Design) and four year Bachelor of Interior Design (B.I.D) undergraduate programs focus on understanding the industry's trend and experimenting with materials, finishes and design.

SOAD takes a lot of pride in bringing some of the best practicing architects and renowned academicians as external jury members and visiting faculty so students receive inputs from them to improve their designs. Recent collaborations of SOAD include COA-TRC, University of Ferrara, Italy, Anhembi Morumbi University, Brazil, Piloo Mody College of Architecture, Cuttack.

AND

R V College of Architecture, Bangalore, India

R V College of Architecture (RVCA), Bengaluru started in the year 1992, is an institution under the parent umbrella of Rashtreeya Shikshana Samiti Trust. RVCA has earned a distinction of being one of the premier architecture institutes in India as a successful model where architectural pedagogy revolves around academics, research and consultancy. With a vision that states, *"An architecture institute par excellence nurturing academics, profession and research for a sustainable contemporary society"*, RVCA aims to be a Centre of excellence, a crucible for promoting research activities, institutional consultancy, pedagogy and learning through academic collaborations.
The strength of this institute includes devotion to the cause of learning architecture, altruism towards education, diverse specializations among faculty and academic rigor through self-criticism and self-evaluation. Along with the Bachelors of Architecture (B.Arch), RVCA also introduces multidimensional aspects of Urbanism through its 2 year Master's program (M.Arch) in Urban Design. The course facilitates nuanced readings and interpretations of the

urban milieu in India. The studios at both undergraduate (B.Arch) and Master's (M.Arch in Urban Design) level essay a hands-on learning experience that instils academic sensibility in young minds to study, critique and design urban environs. The Master's Program in Urban Design engages in critical discourse on contemporary urban issues while the Research Centre offers a platform to pursue Ph.D. programs in thrust areas of energy efficiency and green architecture to name a few.

RVCA's recent academic collaborations are with global and national platforms such as ICOMOS, IUDI, UNAI, ISRO, Smart City Compendium and institutions such as KU Leuven, Belgium, and CDSA, Pune with an intent to provide students and faculty with ample research and teamwork opportunities.

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to develop an academic and educational cooperation, and mutual understanding between R V College of Architecture (hereinafter referred to as RVCA), Bengaluru, represented by its duly authorized signatory, the Principal and K R Mangalam University ((hereinafter referred to as KRMU),Haryana, represented by its duly authorized signatory, the Registrar. Both RVCA and KRMU may be referred to individually as the "party" or collectively as the "parties".

The primary objective of the institutional collaboration in education and research is to promote interaction and academic partnerships between faculty, staff and students of the two institutions through visits and studio exchange programmes, carry out joint academic and research programmes, joint conferences held at international and national level, sharing of academic resources through expert talks, juries, reviews, workshops etc, on a reciprocal basis. The relationship also aims at enhancing the technological, social and cultural relations of both regions. This document presents a general framework for the collaboration. It also includes some specifically identified areas of cooperation, which may be updated from time to time.

AREAS OF COLLABORATION:

The following areas of cooperation have been identified under this MoU.

(i) **FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**:

To promote interaction and exchange between the members of the faculty, the two parties will explore opportunities for faculty to visit the partner university/institution for a period/duration that is expected to be equal for the cause of mentoring the students as

a visiting faculty or <create new position>. With prior approval of the respective institutions the faculties are encouraged to apply for the position and describe the scope of their involvement. The parties are expected to create the positions specific to the requirement of the studio and advertise in the respective websites.

(ii) **STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**:

Students of both institutes are encouraged to visit and participate in the short duration courses (summer/winter terms), certificate courses or for longer duration of a semester or two with prior approval from both parties and the governing university. Approvals and application procedures are to be decided together by both parties to include detailed proposals (mentioning the course content, duration, credits awarded, credit transfer arrangements, certification, accommodation by the host and other applicable directives) and sanction copies approved by the highest academic bodies of the two institutions before implementation.

(iii) **JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS**:

The two parties will explore opportunities and propose the undertaking of joint research projects. The joint research shall be headed by faculty/faculty team from both parties and they may seek to apply for suitable research funding from external funding agencies. Each such research proposal shall contain the objective, aim, scope, limitations and primary research question justified by a hypothesis. Furthermore, any additional documents required for the grant has to be worked out by both parties with prior approval and cooperation of the respective institutions.

(iv) **JOINT ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**:

RVCA and KRMU may formulate joint academic activities and resource sharing through expert led seminars, symposiums, workshops, studio juries and/or conferences based on mutual interests and available expertise in both the institutions. They may also agree to carry out virtual learning to encourage technology based exchange of resources.

The areas of cooperation may be revised by mutual consent. However, specific programmes may require separate agreements detailed out and documented as annexures to this MoU.

COORDINATION

The provisions of this MoU will be implemented through a team of co-ordinators appointed by the authorized signatory from both parties.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

RVCA and KRMU agree not to discriminate any person because of age, sex, national origin, race, ancestry, color, religious creed, disability or handicap, and sexual orientation. Neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty, staff and students that would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Visiting student and faculty will abide by the codes of conduct of the host Institution. The parties should ensure that the faculty and students are made aware of the rules, regulations and other administrative procedures prior to the application and approval.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The applicable intellectual laws will be adhered to by both the parties. The two parties may jointly own the results or data generated during the collaborative projects, however, the host institution will govern the protection and commercialization of data or any intellectual property created during any of the aforementioned modes of cooperation.

Non disclosure agreements may be encouraged between the parties to clearly state the necessary and reasonable care to be taken to protect data or information.

DOCUMENTATION

The programmes, events , workshops etc., conducted under the aforementioned areas of collaboration have to be documented as a report to include: detailed proposals, financial requirements, posters (to be displayed on campus and the respective websites), video recordings of online and offline sessions, geo-tagged photo documentation and a detailed feedback from the participants. The report should be jointly prepared and shared with both parties.

FINANCING

Under this MoU, it is understood and agreed that there is no financial obligation between the parties. However, both institutes may consider tuition fee waivers to the visiting students. The host institute may extend support in terms of logistics and administrative arrangements. The local costs including travel, accommodation, food, insurance etc. to visiting students and faculty may be maintained at reasonable costs and be borne by the visitors or the home institution. Additional support, if any, will be governed by separate agreements that may be drawn up for specific activities.

LEGAL STATUS

This document is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial cooperation and is not legally binding on any of the parties. Any disputes shall be resolved through mutual discussion.

VALIDITY AND TERMINATION

This MoU is valid for an initial period of **Three** years and becomes effective from the date it is signed by the partners. The partnership period may be extended by mutual consent.

This agreement may be terminated:

a. on either party giving the other party 6 months' prior written notice;
b. on written notice by one of the Parties if the other Party has committed a breach of this MoU.

However, specific commitments made prior to such intimation shall be honoured by both the partners including ensuring that any student at that time participating in the Programme is able to complete the term of the assignment and be assessed for it.

Registrar
K.R. Mangalam University
Sohna Road, Gurgaon
Haryana - 122103

Gp. Capt. P. Mahajan,
Registrar,
K. R. Mangalam University.
Sohna Road, Gurugram

Date: 29.09.2022

Dr. Om Prakash Bawane
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Date: 29.09.2022

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