

## Collaboration with NGOs to Advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER) actively collaborates with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to address critical social, health, and community development challenges aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through academic–community partnerships, capacity-building initiatives, and field-based engagement, the University integrates education, service and action for sustainable impact.

### **1. Capacity Building in Elderly Care (SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4 – Quality Education)**

The **Department of Geriatrics, JSS Hospital**, in collaboration with **Jan Shikhana Sansthan, Mysuru** (an NGO under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship), successfully initiated the **Geriatric Nursing Assistant Certification Training Programme** for housekeeping and support staff from 5th to 16th March 2025.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of senior representatives from Jan Shikhana Sansthan and faculty from JSS Medical College and Hospital. Designed as a 10-day structured training (1 hour per day), the programme focused on:

- Patient mobility and safe handling
- Elderly nutrition and hygiene
- Communication with geriatric patients
- Basic nursing assistance skills
- Compassionate and dignified care

Participants will receive a formal certification on completion, thereby strengthening the geriatric care ecosystem and creating a skilled workforce to support India's growing elderly population. This initiative directly supports **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)** and **SDG 4 (Quality Education and Skills Development)**.



## 2. Inclusive Health Education for Persons with Visual Impairment (SDG 3, SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities)

The **School of Public Health, JSS AHER**, in collaboration with the **EquiBeing Foundation (NGO)**, conducted awareness and education sessions on **nutrition and oral hygiene** for visually impaired students.

This initiative demonstrates the University's commitment to **inclusive health education**, ensuring that persons with disabilities have equitable access to essential health information. The programme reinforced the institution's dedication to:

- Reducing health inequalities
- Promoting inclusive learning environments
- Improving health literacy among marginalized populations

This activity aligns with **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)** and **SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities)**.



## 3. Exposure to Community-Based Palliative Care Models (SDG 3)

The **School of Public Health, JSS Medical College**, organized an academic field visit to the **PKTB Palliative Care Unit, Mysuru**, operated by the **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)**, a nationally recognized NGO engaged in tribal and rural development.

During the visit, students gained first-hand exposure to:

- Community-based end-of-life care models
- Pain management and counselling approaches
- Holistic support systems including social, emotional and spiritual care
- The five-pillar approach to palliative care

The unit, with a capacity of 16 beds and serving around 800 patients, has been functioning since 2008 and represents an exemplary **NGO-led healthcare model**. This experience strengthened student understanding of **compassionate, patient-centred care**, aligned with **SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**.





#### **4. Baseline Survey in Tribal Villages with SVYM and Siemens CSR (SDG 1, SDG 3, SDG 6, SDG 8, SDG 10)**

Students from the **School of Public Health, JSS AHER**, participated in a **four-day baseline survey** under the **ASHA Project** implemented by **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)** in collaboration with **Siemens CSR**, across six remote tribal villages in the Male Madeshwara (MM Hills) region of Karnataka.

The survey covered key domains such as:

- Health and sanitation
- Education access
- Livelihood and family income
- Skills and employment opportunities
- Infrastructure and basic services

This data will be used to design **targeted, sustainable interventions** for highly underserved tribal communities. Faculty supervision and daily review meetings ensured scientific rigor and meaningful outcomes.

This initiative addressed:

- **SDG 1 – No Poverty**
- **SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being**
- **SDG 6 – Clean Water & Sanitation**
- **SDG 8 – Decent Work and Economic Growth**

- **SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities**

It also provided **experiential learning** for students, strengthening their capacity in community-based research and development planning.



## **NGO Collaboration for Community Health, Sustainability and Tribal Empowerment (SDGs 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 & 13)**

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), through the **School of Public Health, JSS Medical College**, actively collaborates with the **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)** — a nationally reputed NGO — to address multidimensional development challenges faced by rural and tribal populations, in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As part of this collaboration, second-semester MPH students and faculty undertook a **two-day immersive field visit to SVYM, Sargur (May 22–23, 2025)**. This experiential engagement provided deep insights into **community-based, sustainable and inclusive health models** operating in remote and tribal regions.

During the visit, students and faculty were exposed to several impactful SVYM initiatives, including:

- **Vivekananda Memorial Hospital** and **Mobile Health Unit**, which deliver essential healthcare services to underserved communities (SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being)
- The innovative **Climate Smart Health Unit**, demonstrating environmentally sustainable healthcare practices (SDG 13 – Climate Action)
- The **Viveka Tribal Centre for Learning**, which promotes education and empowerment among tribal youth (SDG 4 – Quality Education)
- The **Viveka Rural Livelihood Centre (VRLC)**, which strengthens skills, self-reliance and sustainable livelihoods (SDG 8 – Decent Work & Economic Growth)
- Engagements with the **Betta Kuruba tribal community and Self-Help Groups (SHGs)**, supporting social inclusion, gender equity and economic empowerment (SDG 1 – No Poverty, SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities)
- Visits to the **Mother and Child Hospital and Primary Health Centre (PHC)**, offering real-world exposure to maternal and child health challenges in tribal settings (SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being)

The programme concluded with a reflective feedback session that emphasized empathy, cultural sensitivity, social responsibility and community engagement as essential competencies in public health leadership.

This collaboration demonstrates how **JSS AHER integrates academic learning with NGO-led field interventions**, enabling students to contribute meaningfully to sustainable development, health equity, and community empowerment. The partnership with SVYM exemplifies the institution's commitment to creating **socially responsible professionals who actively contribute towards achieving the SDGs at the grassroots level**.







### **Public Health and SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**

- Collaboration with **District Health Office, Mysuru**, and NGOs such as **JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Swasthya Foundation, and Indian Red Cross Society** for vaccination drives, blood donation camps, menstrual hygiene education, and tobacco control campaigns.
- Over 30,000 beneficiaries reached annually through sustained outreach.

### **Nutrition and Community Empowerment (SDG 2 & 3)**

- Joint program with **Akshaya Patra Foundation** and **NGO partners** for nutrition education, malnutrition screening, and oral health programs for school children.

- Radio-based community outreach with **JSS Radio** in collaboration with local NGOs.

### **Environmental Sustainability (SDG 12, 13, 15)**

- Partnership with **Mysuru City Corporation, Swachh Bharat NGOs**, and **Rotary Clubs** for waste segregation, biogas utilization, and tree plantation drives.
- Implementation of 200-kg and 50-kg biogas plants through community participation.

### **Inclusive Education and Gender Equality (SDG 4 & 5)**

- Collaboration with NGOs such as **Ashakirana Charitable Trust** and **Sneha Foundation** for autism awareness, mental health counselling, and gender sensitization.
- Capacity-building workshops for teachers and caregivers.

### **Livelihood and Rural Development (SDG 1 & 8)**

- Engagement with **NGO-led rural health and entrepreneurship initiatives** under **Ayushman Bharat and One Health programs**, providing healthcare access, skill development, and welfare linkages to tribal and rural communities.

Through strategic collaborations with NGOs such as **Jan Shikshana Sansthan, EquiBeing Foundation and Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)**, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research demonstrates a strong institutional commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. These partnerships translate academic knowledge into practical, community-driven solutions, empowering vulnerable populations while strengthening student learning and social responsibility.

## MoU documents and the activities conducted with the NGOs:

### 1. Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)

<b>Collaborating Partner</b>	: <b>Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)</b>
<b>Type of Agreement</b>	: MoU
<b>Date of Signing the Agreement</b>	: 25.11.2021
<b>Duration of Agreement</b>	: 5 Years

#### Objectives of the collaboration agreement:

To work collaboratively for enhancing the knowledge base and strengthening the Health Care delivery system for assuring cost effective, ethical and rational health care especially to indigenous groups, marginalised and socio-economically vulnerable groups living in Mysuru District.

#### Brief Overview of the Collaborating Partner:

Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) is a nonreligious, non-political and not for profit organization registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under FCRA 1976 with its administrative headquarters in Saragur, Karnataka state, India.

SVYM runs seven institutions and has 50 projects in the area of Health, Education, SEEP (Socio Economic Empowerment Program) and TRAC (Training, Research, Advocacy and Consultancy), spread over 27 districts of Karnataka State. The health activities incorporate institution based care as well as community based programs with equal emphasis on preventive curative and rehabilitatory services.

The Key focus area include-

- Tribal and rural health
- Reproductive and child health
- Water, sanitation, Hygiene and Environment
- Care and Control of Tuberculosis
- Disability care
- Comprehensive HIV-AIDS Management
- Chronic care including care for Non-Communicable Diseases and Palliative Care
- Ayurveda and Yoga
- Health system strengthening and capacity building

The innovative primary care delivery programs and grassroot initiatives addressing the Health Determinants and health-related behaviors have been accorded appreciated and awards by the Government, WHO and many other agencies.

#### Outcomes

##### Academic

###### Student Internships and Postings

**MD students postings:** Regularly every year the Postgraduate (MD) students are being posted to the centre for a period of one month. The objective of the postings are;

- i. Outreach clinics, camps and other outreach activities
- ii. Projects in the tribal area
- iii. health education activities to the tribal community

**MPH compulsory and elective internships (15 days to 3 months):**

Depending on the project undertaken the MPH students are posted for the internship for a period of 15 days to 3 months.

**MBBS interns 3 weeks stay postings**

To orient the undergraduates regarding the morbidity pattern and the lifestyle of the tribal community, 3 weeks stay posting was given for all the interns. They were involved in services given through mobile clinics in the interior of the forest, regular OPD and IPD services at the SVYM hospital.

**Undergraduate students:** As a part of educational field visit, undergraduate are regularly taken to the SVYM centre with the objective of orienting undergraduates regarding working of a NGO in the tribal area, tribal school, functioning of hospital at the tribal area.

**Palliative care training** to MBBS and MD student

Till date more than 500 students have undergone postings, internships and training.



**Outreach activities:**

**1. Mobile Health Unit:**

Assess public health care to people living in remote, difficult and unreach areas

Main aim: Basic health care at doorstep

**Services Provided**

Medications (including NCD)

Blood test : GRBS estimation

BP Check

UPT testing

Immunisation



## 2. Home & Palliative Care

- Improves symptom control
- Health- Related Communication
- Psychosocial Support
- Staffing pattern: one counsellor, one health facilitator, one doctor
- GRBS & BP check
- Medications and Counselling given
- Maintenance of medical records



## 3. RCH care (ANC & PNC)

- ANC & PNC Care
- Awareness of government schemes
- Immunisation of child
- Identifying high risks and necessary advices given
- GRBS & BP check
- Medications and Counselling given
- Maintenance of medical records



#### 4. Counselling & Screening Programmes

- Screened for Tb, HIV
- GRBS checked
- 15 cases
- Females > Males
- Challenges: People were reluctant to come forward and check

#### UG & PG Postings to SVYM Institution 2023-24

Sl.No.	Course	No. of Students
1	MBBS	96
2	MD Community Medicine	04
3	MPH	40



## 5. Eye camp

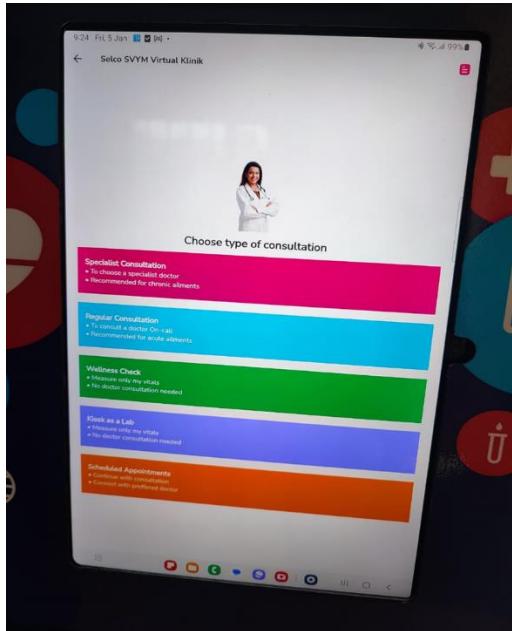
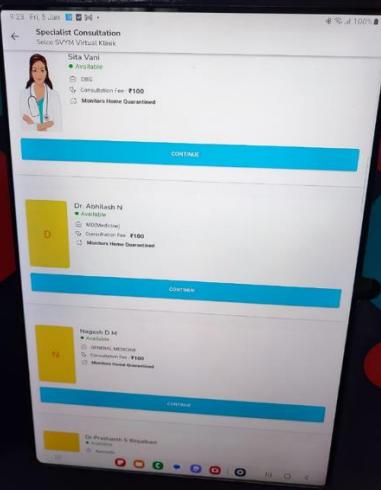
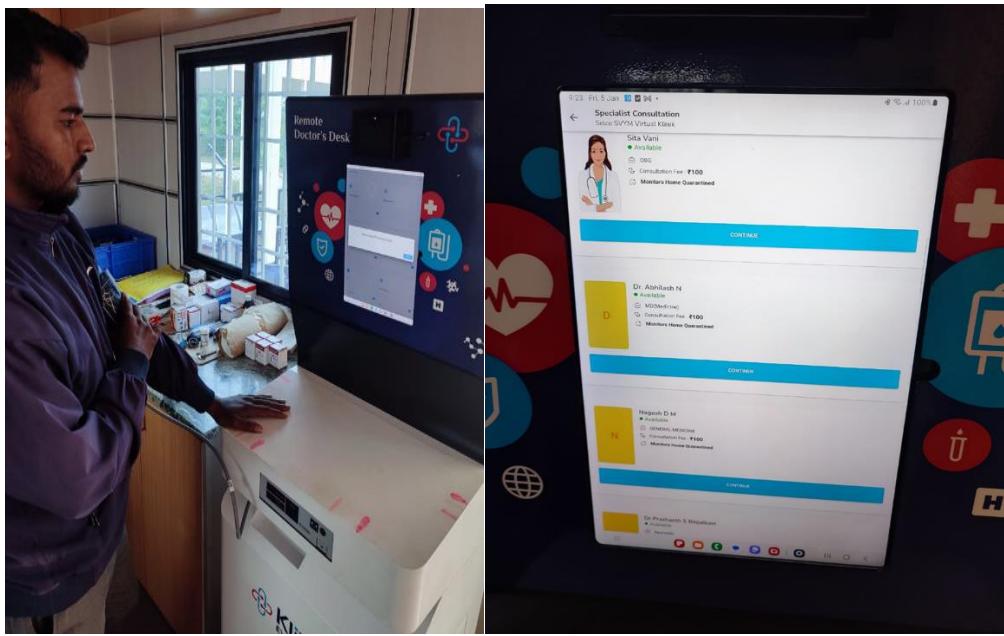
- Screening of cataract, refractive errors and other visual defects.
- Health education and awareness programme on vision defects conducted



## 6. Tele-medicine:

It is for online consultation from the haadis to hospital. Patient can be examined by the specialists of SVYM hospital, Sargur through online and patient's data and investigations reports are stored in the portal will be useful for further management.





## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**JSS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, MYSORE**

AND

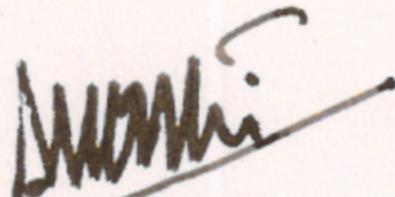
**ASHAKIRANA HOSPITAL, MYSORE**

JSS College of Pharmacy, JSS University, Mysore is a reputed premier institution of Pharmacy Education started in 1973 and offers Pharm.D, B. Pharm, M. Pharm programs and Ph.D in Pharmaceutical Sciences. JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysore has established Department of Clinical Pharmacy at JSS Hospital in 1997 and is involved in providing patient care services as a part of Pharmacy Practice experiential teaching and training program.

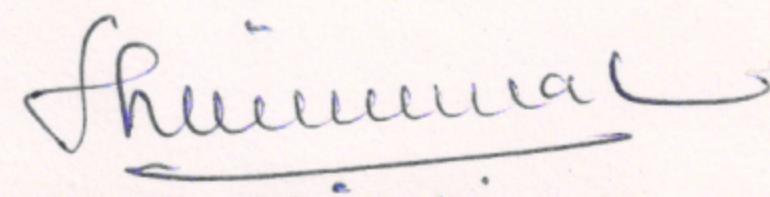
Asha Kirana is a Not For Profit Hospital with a 30-bed facility. It has a daily average of 50 out patients (OPD) and a registry of 7000 HIV positive cases and caters to the needs of Mysore and other neighboring districts.

### Memorandum

Whereas JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysore intends to expose Pharm.D and M. Pharm Pharmacy Practice students to HIV clinical specialty for which Asha Kirana hospital, Mysore has agreed to provide necessary infrastructure and professional guidance to conduct Pharm.D and M. Pharm Pharmacy Practice program.



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Chairman  
Asha Kirana Hospital  
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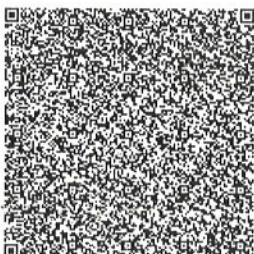
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**Memorandum of Understanding and framework for collaboration with ORDI for RDCCC  
(Rare Disease Care Coordination Center) by JSS Academy of Higher Education &  
Research, Mysuru and JSS Hospital, Mysuru**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on this day 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 between the Organization for Rare Diseases India represented by its Co-founder and Executive Director and hereinafter referred to ORDI, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru represented by the Registrar and hereinafter referred to JSSAHER and JSS Hospital, Mysuru represented by the Director and hereinafter referred to JSSH, Mysuru to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

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Listed in this document is the agreed framework for collaboration of below parties

**PARTIES**

- 1) Organization for Rare Diseases India (ORDI, [www.ordindia.org](http://www.ordindia.org)) having its office at: 16/2, Sri Krishna Krupa, 19<sup>th</sup> Cross, Kashi Mutt Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560055, India.

**And**

- 2) JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru situated in Sri Shivarathreeshwara Nagara, Mysuru - 570015

**And**

- 3) JSS Hospital Mysore having its office at JSS Hospital, Mahatma Gandhi, Road, Mysore - 570004.

This agreement expresses a convergence of will between the parties, indicating an intended common line of action.

**Article 1: PURPOSE:**

**About Organization for Rare Diseases India**

**Organization for Rare Diseases India** is an apolitical, voluntary, non-profit, secular organization working for the cause of patients with rare diseases in India since 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014. The organization has been supporting and helping patients and caregivers of rare diseases who are in need of information, connecting them with experts, advocacy through their RDCCC (Rare Disease Care Coordination centre) and through a single rare disease helpline (Call number: 8892 555 000), raising education and awareness programs for patients and physicians for the purpose of accelerating diagnosis and treatments for rare diseases. Through RDCCC they establish and support various units in different parts of the country to support patients regionally.

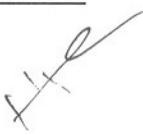
**About JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru**

**JSSAHER, Mysuru** is a deemed university located in Mysuru, Karnataka. It was established in the year 2008 with a founding mission to serve the needs of the community at large and envisions emerging as a unique institution in the higher education setting. JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research is focused on medical and health-related studies, and comprises JSS Medical College, JSS Dental College and JSS College of Pharmacy at the main campus in Mysuru as well as another pharmacy college in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu. With a view to extend the horizons in the field of Health Sciences, the Department of Water and Health, Department of Health System Management Studies and Department of Life Sciences were also started later. Today, more than 650 faculty members instruct approximately 3000 undergraduate, 2500 graduate students and around 300 research scholars. The University combines leading medical research and compassionate patient care to face the world's pressing challenges in healthcare.

**About JSS Hospital**

JSS Hospital is one of the reputed teaching hospitals in south interior Karnataka providing super specialty services to the people in the region. It is a non-profit hospital dedicated to serve the poor with quality healthcare and now intends to partner with the ORDI.

**ORDI, JSSAHER and JSS Hospital would like to collaborate for jointly developing the centre to enhance the services being offered to Rare Disease patients and families.**





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**Article 8: SEVERABILITY:**

If any of the provisions of this Agreement become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any Applicable Law, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired in any way.

**Article 9: REQUIREMENTS:**

1. There shall be a separate account maintained in ORDI for all ORDI- **JSSAHER, JSSH** expenses and ORDI will submit their audited balance sheets on a yearly basis.
2. The activities at the RDCCC and RDCCC at **JSSH** will be under the purview of a monitoring/coordination committee consisting representative of **ORDI, JSSAHER, JSSH**, and Specialist doctors involved.

**Article 10: EXCLUSIVITY** - This MOU is nonexclusive.

**Article 11: FORCE MAJEURE:**

- a. Neither party hereto shall be liable to the other for any breach of their respective obligations under this AGREEMENT resulting from causes beyond their reasonable control including but not limited to act of God, fire, strikes, (of its own or other employees) insurrection or riots, embargoes or regulations of any civil or military authority, network outages (an 'Event of Force Majeure').
- b. Each of the parties hereto agree to give notice forthwith to the other upon becoming aware of an Event of Force Majeure such notice to contain details of the circumstances giving rise to the Event of Force Majeure.

**Article 12: INDEMNITY:**

- a. Each party shall be responsible and liable to the other for all the acts and omissions relating to their respective obligations.
- b. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless, the other party, other party's directors, partners, officers, employees, agents, subsidiaries, affiliates and assignees or any of them to the full extent against all direct losses and direct damage suffered by the other party on account of or arising out of or attributable to the negligence or a breach or non-performance of this AGREEMENT by such party.

**Article 13: ASSIGNMENT:**

Neither party may transfer or assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

**Article 14: LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

ORDI shall solely be responsible for obtaining and keeping in force all necessary Licenses and other statutory permits, approvals, registrations etc. related to the rare diseases from any agencies or Govt. Departments or Local Authorities etc. as needed from time to time.

**Article 15: NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Notices required or permitted under this MoU will be in writing and sent by prepaid registered or certified air mail or courier and will be deemed to have been properly served to the addressee upon receipt of such written communication, to the addresses mentioned in the title above.

**Article 16: TERMINATION:**

All the parties mentioned herein have the right to terminate this MOU with a minimum of 1 month's prior notice (in writing) without giving any reasons what so ever for the termination.

**ACCEPTED AND AGREED**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have authorized their officers or representatives the underlying signatories, to execute and bind the parties to this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Organization for Rare  
Diseases India

JSS Academy of Higher  
Education & Research,  
Mysuru

JSS Hospital, Mysuru

Name: Mr. Prasanna Shirol  
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## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

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Research, Mysuru**

**And**

**Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement**

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This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made at JSS Medical College, Mysuru on 25.11.2021

**BY AND BETWEEN**

**Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)** is a non-religious, non-political and not for profit organization registered under Karnataka Societies Registration Act (Vide No. 122/84-85 dated-1-12-1984) and Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India under FCRA 1976 (Vide No. 094590102) with its administrative headquarters in Saragur, Karnataka State, India.

**AND**

**JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru (JSS AHER)**, is a deemed university located in the city of Mysuru, in the Indian state of Karnataka. It was established in 2008 under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 and is part of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru which runs a variety of educational institutions. JSS AHER is desirous of collaborating with Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement for furthering the clinical education, public health education and projects, research and consultancy assignments.

(Whereas both JSS AHER and SVYM will be individually referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

**PARTNERS' BACKGROUND**

JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research, Mysuru is a major step forward in the journey of JSSMVP since its inception around six decades ago. In order to set up the JSS AHER, a Society styled as, "the JSS AHER Society, Mysore" was registered under the Karnataka Societies' Registration Act, Regd No. MYS-S 61-07 on 8.5.2007. The Government of India under its notification No. E-9-9/2007 dated 28-5-2008 notified the JSS AHER (as deemed to be University) with the following existing JSSMVP institutions as constituent colleges to this JSS AHER.



- JSS Medical College, Mysore (1984)
- JSS Dental College, Mysore (1986)
- JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysore (1973/1983)
- JSS College of Pharmacy, Ooty (1980)

The objectives of the University are providing good quality medical education and medical facilities, fostering research activities and imparting latest knowledge of science and technology.

The Medical educational institutions of JSS AHER under the disciplines of medicine, dental, pharmaceutical and life sciences provide education in twelve graduate courses and thirteen post graduate courses. PhDs have been awarded to 65 research scholars for their researches in the field of medical and dental sciences. All constituent institutions of JSS AHER have their own buildings with adequate facilities. During the year under report (2015), a total of 1443 students have got admitted to graduate and post graduate courses in all these institutions which has a teaching faculty strength of 543.

#### **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM)**

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The goal of the health sector is in sustaining quality of health care by providing equitable care with involvement of community and in alignment with the organizational interpretation of the core values. The Health Activities incorporate institution based care as well as community based programs with equal emphasis on preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitatory services. The institutional based services under health care are provided through the Vivekananda Memorial Hospitals (VMH) at Saragur and Kenchanahalli, H D Kote Taluk, Mysuru District. Need based contextually relevant, well defined programmatic interventions are being developed at the grassroot level to address Health determinants as well as health related behavior.

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- Tribal and rural health
- Reproductive and child health
- Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Environment
- Care and Control of Tuberculosis
- Disability care
- Comprehensive HIV-AIDS Management





- Chronic Care including care for Non Communicable Diseases and Palliative Care
- Ayurveda and Yoga (the Indian system of medicine)
- Health system Strengthening and Capacity building.

**Vivekananda Memorial Hospital (VMH)**, Saragur is affiliated by to the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru and offers the India's first post-graduate fellowship course in HIV Medicine for medical and dental professionals. The hospitals and community initiative of the Organization are recognized for training and capacity building of entire gamut of health professionals, from specialist to grassroot workers. The innovative Palliative care program is being implemented with an aim to create collaborative platform for a patient-centric, community based integrated model of holistic care that adopts life span approach to chronic disease. The HIV care and control program, that offers comprehensive, inclusive and end-to-end care, has been well- appreciated and has been documented as a Best- Practice model by UNAIDS. SVYM works on prevention, along with addressing the medical and psychological needs of people with HIV/AIDS and also train physicians, counselors and other health care professionals across the state on specific issues and partners with the government and other NGO's to make policy changes.

The innovative primary care delivery programs and the grassroot initiatives addressing the Health Determinants and health- related behaviors have been accorded appreciation and awards by the Government, WHO and many other agencies.

### 1. COMMON OBJECTIVE

To work collaboratively for enhancing the knowledge base and strengthening the Health Care delivery system for assuring cost effective, ethical and rational health care especially to indigenous groups, marginalized and socio-economically vulnerable groups living in Mysuru District.

- Enhance exposure to clinical practice in the field of rural & community medicine as per modern medicine for undergraduate students after finishing their final year clinical at JSS Medical College
- To enhance undergraduate students understanding of the continuum of care between the institutional and community components of care of women, children, and adults

**JSSMC agrees to:**

- Depute not more than four undergraduate students from each of the specialties viz., OBG, Paediatrics, Medicine & Community Medicine



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- Depute faculty members from JSSMC to VMH periodically to support & supervise the students posted at VMH Saragur
- Ensure that the students shall carry out clinical & academic observer ship as per the policies of SVYM
- Ensure payment of Rs 1500 per person for 15 days (cost includes institutional fee + shared accommodation fee) to Vivekananda Memorial Hospital through crossed cheque/DD/Cash before the beginning of the posting. (Undergraduate Students)
- Ensure payment of Rs 3500 per person for one month (cost includes institutional fee + shared accommodation fee) to Vivekananda Memorial Hospital through crossed cheque/DD/Cash before the beginning of the posting. (Post Graduate Students)

**VMH agrees to**

- Provide exposure to students in outpatient care, inpatient care, operation theatre and emergency units, mobile health clinics & palliative care unit.
- In the community programs which includes (field visits and outreach camps) in the areas of reproductive and child health, RNTCP, Link ART plus, water sanitation, community Disability Rehabilitation and school health
- Facilitate case presentations, journal presentations & other clinical/academic activities
- Provide simple shared accommodation for the students
- Provide opportunity to be boarders of the hospital canteen and pay for food at current rates.

**2. SCOPE of MoU**

1. To recognize Vivekananda Memorial Hospital and Community Health Initiatives of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement as satellite/Outreach posting centers for MBBS, BDS, Post Graduation in Medical and Dental streams, MPH (Master in public health), MBA in Hospital Management, Department of Psychiatry under taken by JSS University.
2. To train students and interns from JSS AHER during outreach postings to Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement sites.
3. To collaboratively undertake health care research especially focused on Public health, Health determinants, Convergent paths of Modern Medicine and AYUSH, and health -related behaviors, with mutual enrichment of research capacity.
4. To share competent and relevant human resources for training health care professionals
5. To undertake joint consultancy assignments in public health.
6. Additional collaborative assignments could be considered with mutual consent as and when needed



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### **3. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES**

For purpose of communication with respect to this MoU, JSS AHER shall be represented by **Dr.B.Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, Mysuru** and SVYM shall be represented by **Dr. Kumar G S Chief Executive Officer, SVYM, Saragur**. The communications between the partners should be between the above mentioned representatives unless otherwise specified in annexes.

### **4. BUDGET**

Implementation of each activity mentioned in Clause 2 of the MoU shall be subject to the availability of the required funds for the activity. **JSS AHER** and **SVYM** will explore funding opportunities and partnerships with other partner agencies to further the scope and activities mentioned in this MoU. Specific financial agreements will be executed between both parties on finalization of activities under this MoU. It is understood that neither party has any financial obligation to other party under this MoU.

### **5. GOVERNANCE**

In order to support the development of this collaboration, both parties agree to review the progress of their collaboration every six (6) months.

### **6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Any material development through activities pursuant to this MoU will be the joint property of both JSS AHER and SVYM. Any such material may be disseminated by a party only after obtaining prior written consent of the other party. Any material used for the purpose of this MoU but was developed by either of the party prior to this MoU shall be the sole property of the respective party solely and not jointly.

### **7. CONFIDENTIALITY**

7.1. Each party shall undertake to maintain the confidentiality of the documents, information and other data received from the other party during the period of implementation of this MoU or any other agreement made pursuant to this MoU.

7.2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the above mentioned clauses, the restrictions concerning the use or disclosure of Confidential Information shall not apply to the following information:

7.2.1 Independently developed by the receiving party or lawfully received from another source without breach of this MoU;

7.2.2 Already known to the receiving party at the time of disclosure, as evidenced by written records;

7.2.3 That is in the public domain or subsequently comes in to the public domain through no act or omission of the receiving Party; or

7.2.4 That is disclosed to the receiving Party by a third party not acting in breach of an obligation of confidentiality; or



7.2.5 That is required by a court, regulatory authority or similar legally constituted body where such disclosure is required by law.

7.3 Both parties agree that this article shall continue to be binding between the parties notwithstanding the termination of this MoU.

7.4 This is exclusive of those cases in which disclosure of such confidential documents or information is mandatory under prevailing laws.

## **8. FORCE MAJEURE**

In the event of either Party not being able, by reason of force majeure, to meet any of its obligations under this MoU, such obligation shall be suspended for as long as the inability continues or any date mutually agreed between the Parties, provided that Party gives to the other Party written notice within fourteen (14) days after the occurrence of any such event.

- I. Neither Party shall be liable to the other party for any loss or damage sustained by the other Party arising from the occurrence of any such event.
- II. The term 'force majeure' as employed herein shall mean an event not within the control of either Party which, by the exercise of due diligence, neither Party is able to overcome and this includes any act of God, strike, lockout or other industrial disturbance, wars, insurrections or riots, civil disturbances as well as explosions.
- III. This MoU may be terminated by either Party by providing one (1) month's written notice if the inability to undertake activities under this MoU continues even after expiry of 90 days since the commencement of Eventuality.
- IV. The termination shall not affect the implementation of on-going activities /programmes, which have been agreed upon prior to the date of the termination of this MoU.

## **9. LIABILITY**

- 9.1. Both JSS AHERand SVYM shall be solely responsible for any and all claims and/or damages if any, in connection with the exercise of its objectives hereunder.
- 9.2. Both Parties further agree that no employment relationship or partnership, express or implied, is created between them.

## **10. ARBITRATION**

- 10.1. In the event of any dispute relating to the interpretation or performance of this MoU arising between the parties, both Parties will first do their utmost to settle their dispute amicably.

10.2. In the case of failure to resolve the dispute, the same shall be referred to an independent arbitrator appointed based on mutual consent of both parties, as per the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (and any amendments thereof). The place of arbitration shall be Mysuru and the arbitration proceeding will take place in English. Any awards or decisions by the arbitration panel relating to the dispute shall be final and binding on both the Parties.

## **11. DURATION OF MoU**

The MoU would be effective for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing. It may be extended after expiry of such period and on such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

## **12. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Both Parties warrant that this MoU is not likely to have any conflict of interest with any of their organizational, financial, contractual or other interests relating to the activities under this MoU.

## **13. AMENDMENTS**

Either Party may request in writing for a revision, amendment or modification of all or any part of this MoU. Any revision, amendment or modification agreed to between the Parties shall be in writing and shall come in to force on such date as determined by the Parties and shall form part of this MoU.

## **14. TERMINATION**

- 14.1. Either Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving at least 90 days written notice to the other party.
- 14.2. The early termination of this MoU will not effect the completion of any co-operation measures that were agreed under the annual work programs whilst it was in force.

## **15. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATION**

All notices and other communications required or permitted under this MoU shall be in writing and delivered personally, mailed via first class mail, postage prepaid or via an internationally recognized overnight courier, to the applicable Party at the address set forth below, unless, by notice, a Party changes or supplements the addressee and addresses for giving notice. All notices shall be deemed given on the date personally delivered, upon confirmed receipt or when placed in the main as specified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties after having read all of the above and as an express indication to honour and be bound in respect of the same, hereby through their respective representatives sign this MOU on the day and year indicated herein.

For and on behalf of,  
JSS Academy of Higher Education &  
Research, Mysuru (JSS AHER)

  
Dr. B. Manjunatha  
Registrar

Date 25.11.2021

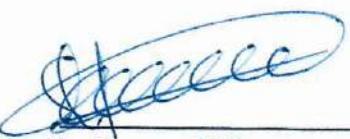
Witness:

  
Dr. Kushalappa P A

Director (Academics)



For and on behalf of,  
Swami Vivekananda Youth  
Movement (SVYM)

  
Dr. Kumar G S  
Chief Executive Officer

Date 25.11.2021

Witness:

  
Dr. Dennis D Chauhan

Director (Academics)

