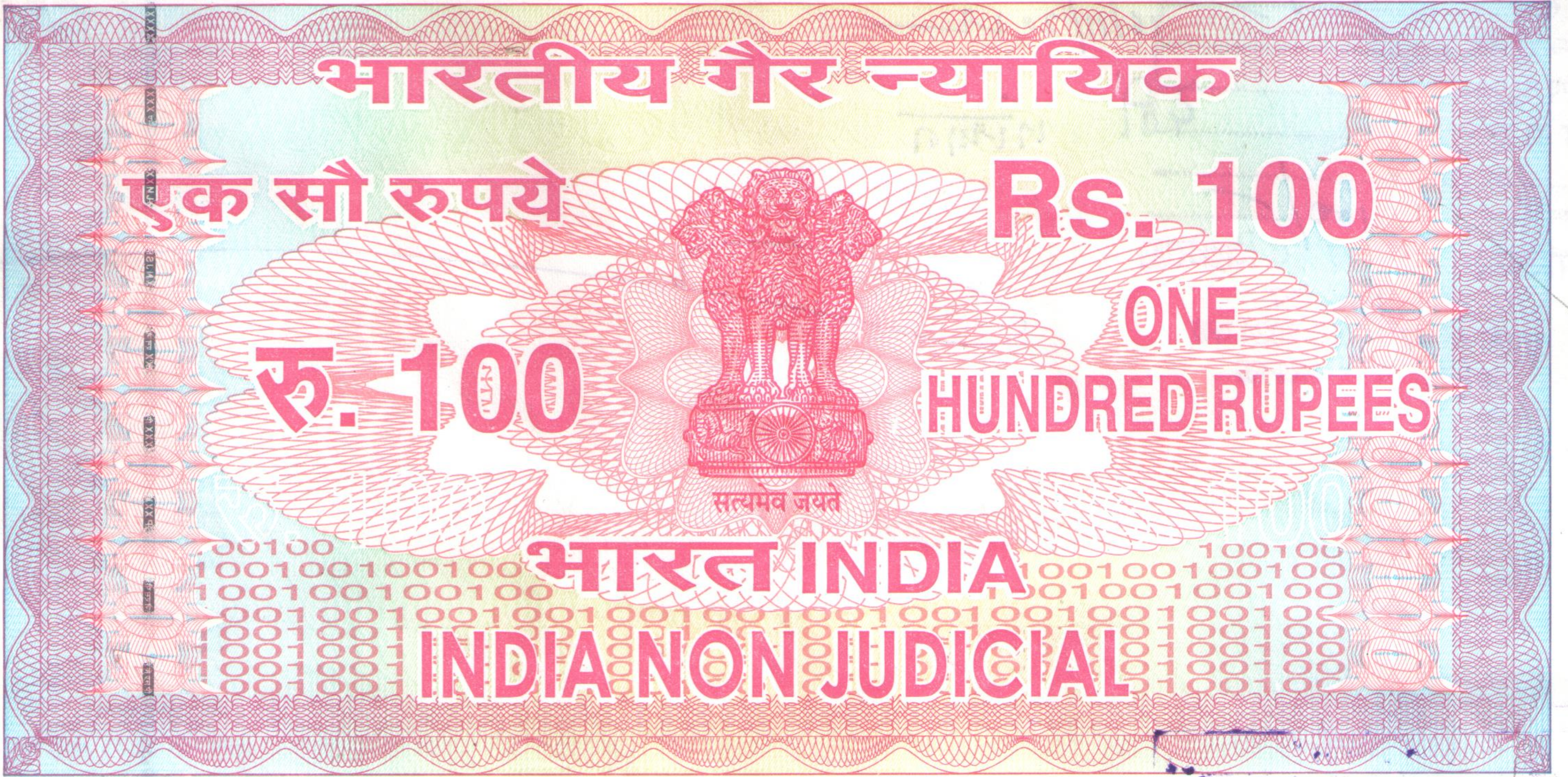




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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Government of Uttar Pradesh and DEVI Sansthan

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into and executed on the 16th day of November, 2022 at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, between the Government of the state Uttar Pradesh acting through the state Project Director, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA) Uttar Pradesh and the Director, Basic Education, Uttar Pradesh which term or expression, unless excluded by or repugnant to the subject or context shall mean and include his successors- in office. (Referred as Party 1);

AND

2. DEVI Sansthan (Dignity Education Vision International) is a non-profit organisation having its registered office at 10 Station Road, Lucknow, 226001, UP (referred as Party 2). Both as Parties

This MoU as entered into between the SSA and DEVI Sansthan, commits the two parties for implementation of programs to improve learning of children taught in the government schools. The goal is to ensure all appropriate activities as laid out in this document are carried.

For DEVI SANSTHAN

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An overview of the planned collaboration is given in the subsequent sections.

KEY COMPONENTS

Following are possible key components of the government intervention for improving teaching-learning in which DEVI Sansthan teams could play a part.

Activity Details:

1. Classroom implementation:

Implementation of NIPUN Bharat goals will be done in two phases in 15 districts (which include Shamili, Chitrakoot, Shravasti, Sonbhadra, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar, Chandauli, Bhahraich, Fatehpur, Lucknow, Unnao, Barabanki, Sitapur, Gorakhpur, Varanasi) Work in Shamli has already begun and DEVI Sansthan will next start work in the District of Lucknow and then in Barabanki:

- **PHASE A: 30-Day Reading Challenge**
 - SCOPE: Grades 1, 2 and 3 in 10 schools (for intervention) and 10 schools (for control group—data collection only)
 - PERIODS: Just 1 per day; the first period of the day will be used for 30 working days (outside of holidays)
 - TARGET: Complete Book 1 for Reading (28 pages of study modules – 1 to 2 modules per day)
 - OUTCOME: After 30 working days, the children with 85% and above attendance (and without special needs) will be able to read with understanding from newspapers, storybooks and textbooks in all subjects (including Grade 1 children)
 - TOWNHALL: Children will present their skills to read with understanding in front of parents and the community
 - TRAINING: School heads, teachers, government officials
 - SUPERVISION: Training of ARPs and the use of ALfAWay app for ALfA Literacy periods only; WhatsApp Group sharing of evidence, bi-weekly meetings and refresher training as required
 - OTHER STEPS: First benchmark test will be taken as pre-test in all 20 schools, then a post-test will be taken after the end of 30 working day period. Reports from the data will be shared with relevant authorities. These schools will continue to add other FLN goals in subsequent implementation.
- **PHASE B: 90-Day FLN Challenge**
 - SCOPE: Grades 1, 2 and 3 (and also Grades 4 and 5) in 100 schools (for intervention) and 50 schools (for control group—data collection only)
 - PERIODS: Just 2 per day; the first period of the day will be used for numeracy and the second period for numeracy.
 - TARGET: Complete Book 1 for Reading (28 pages), Book 2 for Writing (10 pages) and Book 3 for Numeracy (24 pages – of which some pages will not be covered by lower class levels)
 - OUTCOME: After 90-Working Days, the children with 85% and above attendance (and without special needs) will be able to
 - Read with understanding from newspapers, storybooks and textbooks in all subjects (including Grade 1 children); read with fluency
 - Write names of relatives, objects, fruits and vegetables, and addresses

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- Solve problem sums in all operations and measurements and create their own questions
 - TOWNHALL: Children will present their skills in all FLN goals as above in front of parents and the community
 - TRAINING & REFRESHER TRAINING: School heads, teachers, government officials
 - SUPERVISION: Training of ARPs and the use of ALfAWay app for ALfA Literacy periods only; WhatsApp Group sharing of evidence, bi-weekly meetings and refresher training as required
 - OTHER STEPS: First benchmark test will be taken as pre-test in all 20 schools, then a post-test will be taken after the end of 30 working day period. Reports from the data will be shared with relevant authorities and further scale up options will be discussed.
2. **TLMs:** 1 toolkit for every pair of students will be provided along with Literacy Now app with free online content for use on mobile phones by the children and for use by teachers when digital facilities are available in the school.
 3. **Research Design:** The program will include a research design to provide robust evidence of impact. The research design will include several benchmark tests including a baseline and end line for both control and intervention group schools. Testing of student's abilities in language and math will be conducted by 3rd party surveyors like through D.El.Ed. students and through random sample surveys of academics and attitudes. Attendance data will also be evaluated.
 4. **Qualitative & Quantitative Impact:** Baseline and Endline evaluation scores will be compared between intervention and control group schools, teacher and school leader's survey analysis, attendance analysis, and other qualitative and quantitative measures as required.

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

- (a) "**Government**" means Government of UP and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan, Uttar Pradesh('SSA')
- (b) "**Service**" means the work to be performed by the second party pursuant to this MOU for the purpose of the project mentioned above.

1.2 RELATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES

Nothing contained herein shall be construed as establishing the relation of purchaser and seller as between the first and second party. The second party, subject to this MOU, shall have complete charge of its personnel performing the service and shall be fully responsible for the task completed by them.

1.3 GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION

This MOU, its meaning and interpretation, and the relation between the parties shall be governed by the laws applicable in India and courts of Lucknow only shall have exclusive Jurisdiction over matters relating to or arising from this MOU.

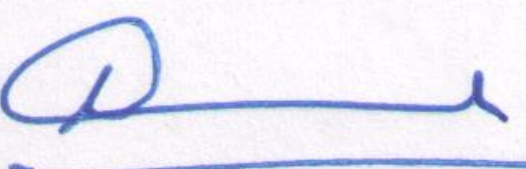
1.4 LANGUAGE

This MOU has been executed in English language, which shall be the binding and controlling language for all matters relating to the meaning of interpretation of this MOU.

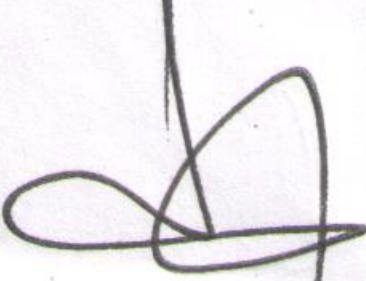
1.5 LOCATION

The matter, i.e. supply and services arising under this MOU shall be performed by the second party in 15s districts of Uttar Pradesh (Mentioned in the annexure) as agreed to by the first party.

1.6 AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES


 For DEVI Sansthan
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 For SSA, UP

Any action required or permitted to be taken and any document required or permitted to be executed under this MOU may be taken or executed

- (a) On behalf of the first party, by the State Project Director, SSA, Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) On behalf of the second party, by the CEO, DEVI Sansthan

2. COMMENCEMENT, COMPLETION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF THIS MOU

- 2.1 This MOU between both the parties will be valid till one year from the date of signing and may be renewed further on the mutual agreement from both the parties.
- 2.2 This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party with **one (1) months** advance notice in writing. The Parties undertake and shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that termination, if necessary is made at the end of an academic year.
- 2.3 Modification of the terms and conditions of this MOU, including the modification of the group of services may only be made by prior written agreement between the parties and with the consent of State Project Director, SSA, Uttar Pradesh.

The involvement of DEVI Sansthan will be as per following:

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This MoU, as understood and agreed by both the parties will be a non-financial partnership between DEVI Sansthan and State Government, The State Government will not bear any expenses related to this program whatsoever before or during implementation of the program.

5. REPORTING OBLIGATION

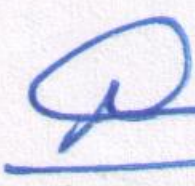
The **Second Party** shall submit to the **First Party** annual progress report and documents as may be specified and at such frequency as may be agreed upon between the two parties.

6. ARBITRATION

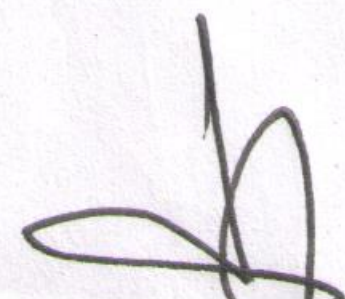
Both the parties shall use all reasonable endeavors to resolve or settle the disputes through mutual negotiation and discussions in connection with this MOU or the interpretation thereof. Any and all disputes, controversies and conflicts ("**Disputes**") arising out of this Agreement between the parties or arising out of or relating to or in connection with this Agreement or the performance or non-performance of the rights and obligations set forth herein or the breach, termination, invalidity or interpretation thereof which cannot be settled or resolve amicably shall be referred for arbitration to the Principal Secretary, Basic Education, Uttar Pradesh. The arbitral award shall be in writing and shall be final and binding on each party and shall be enforceable in any court of competent jurisdiction. None of the parties shall be entitled to commence or maintain any action in a court of law upon any Dispute arising out of or relating to or in connection with this MOU.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HERE TO HAVE EXECUTED THIS MoU ON THE DAY, MONTH AND FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

For DEVI Sansthan

For Government of Uttar Pradesh

(Sunita Gandhi)

CEO, DEVI Sansthan

12, Station Road

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh- 226001

Auth. Signatory

Date:

Seal:

Witness

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(Vijay Kiran Anand)

State Project Director, SSA

Vidya Bhawan, Nishatganj,

Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226007

Date:

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1. Name & Address:

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