

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

University of Mumbai, Mumbai

and

Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust

(Under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Government of Mauritius)

(1st Floor, Maharashtra Bhawan, Pandit Sahadeo Square, Moka, Mauritius)

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this October 19, 2023, by and between University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India and Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust, 1st Floor, Maharashtra Bhawan, Pandit Sahadeo Square, Moka, Mauritius.

The University of Mumbai established on July 18, 1857, it is a premier institution and the largest among the first three modern Universities in India.

It operates from 5 campuses and caters to all sections of society. More than 8 lacs students from the rural, tribal, hilly, urban and metropolitan areas are learning in the University. They draw upon and enrich the long and invaluable academic and social legacy of this institution.

The University has 837 affiliated colleges and 54 teaching departments. The University has established three conducted colleges, Sir J.J. College of Architecture and two model colleges in Mandangad, Dist.-Ratnagiri, on 14-acre land, and Talere, Dist.-Sindhudurg, on 4-acre land.

The University has 54 postgraduate University departments, 3 centres and an institute that offers certificate, diploma and vocational programmes and conduct research relevant to the social, constitutional, regional and cultural needs. It offers 400+ undergraduate / postgraduate programmes and professional programmes out of which 126 undergraduate and postgraduate (excluding pre-doctoral and doctoral) programmes are offered by University departments.

The distinguished alumni of the University testimony to the University's manifold achievements as an intellectual, cultural and scientific powerhouse of the country. The University has produced six Bharat Ratna Awardees and many Padma Awardees.

The University has won regional, national and international acclaim with its distinguished faculty, academic excellence, quality research output, excellent placements, resilient alumni, inclusive outreach, conservation of ecology and cultural heritage while adhering to global standards and contributing significantly to local societal needs.

Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust

The Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust (MMCCT) established under the Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust Act No.3 of 2001, is a parastatal body which operates under the aegis of The Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Government of Mauritius. It became operational by way of proclamation on August 15, 2001.

The objectives of the trust are to preserve and promote Marathi arts and culture, promote the study of Marathi, collect, publish and disseminate information pertaining to Marathi arts and culture, organize lectures, seminars, training, workshops, exhibitions and any other activities which leads to a better understanding of Marathi arts and culture and establish useful links with organizations engaged in similar activities locally and internationally.

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India desires to offer its educational opportunities for the students of Marathi Origin in Mauritius.

WHEREAS, Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust, Maharashtra Bhawan, Pandit Sahadeo Square, Moka, Mauritius desires to explore the educational opportunities in Music of University of Mumbai to the students of Marathi origin in Mauritius.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, it is mutually agreed as follows-

1) Scope of Agreement

Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust shall nominate 10 students through its rigorous selection procedure for the study of Diploma Programme, Bachelor Programme and Master Programme in Music. The programmes are-

- Master of Performing Arts (M.P.A.) in Music in Hindustani Classical Vocal / Sitar / Tabla
- Bachelor of Performing Arts (B.P.A.) in Music in Hindustani Classical Vocal / Sitar / Tabla
- Two Year Diploma Programme in Hindustani Classical Vocal / Light Vocal / Sitar / Tabla / Harmonium
- PG Diploma Programme in Playback Singing and Stage Performance

Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust shall define the rules and regulation of selection procedure for nomination of 10 students to the University of Mumbai. The nominated students shall fulfill all eligibility conditions of the above mentioned programme(s) as prescribed by the Department of Music time to time. Every year the Secretariat of Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust shall take the eligibility conditions of above mentioned programmes from the Head, Department of Music and/or Director, Students' Development and Foreign Students' Advisor, University of Mumbai while nominating the students.

The Director, Department of Students' Development shall request the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai to nominate Selection Committee of University of Mumbai to select 2 students from the 10 nominated students by the Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust every year. The composition of Selection Committee of the University of Mumbai is as follows-

- Dean, Inter-disciplinary Studies, University of Mumbai (Chairman)
- Associate Dean, Inter-disciplinary Studies, University of Mumbai (Member)

- Director, Department of Students' Development, University of Mumbai (Member)
- Expert in Hindustani Classical Vocal or Light Vocal or Sitar or Tabla or Harmonium (Member)
- Head, Department of Music, University of Mumbai (Member Secretary)

The Selection Committee of University of Mumbai shall convene online meeting with the Board Members of Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust and also take the online interview of the 10 nominated students. They shall check the basic knowledge and educational qualification of students and recommend 2 students to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai for study in Department of Music, University of Mumbai for any of the above mentioned programmes. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor shall approve the recommendation of the committee and direct the Director, Department of Students' Development to complete the formalities of admission of these 2 recommended students to the Department of Music, University of Mumbai.

Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust shall communicate the Rules and Regulations to the Director, Students' Development and Foreign Students' Advisor and Head, Department of Music for nomination of 10 students.

The 10 nominated students shall fulfill following criteria along with criteria of the particular programme as mentioned above as well as on the website of the University of Mumbai-

- The age of the student shall not be more than 25 years.
- The student shall be of Marathi Origin.
- The student shall have basic necessary skill of music.

The Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust shall pay the travelling expenses of the selected 2 students per year (1 to and fro journey).

The University of Mumbai shall provide 100% Scholarship in Course Fees (including all components) and Hostel Fees to both selected students.

The other expenses such as study materials, health, food, etc. shall bear by the selected students only.

The Department of Music, University of Mumbai shall complete the formalities of Final Eligibility, Examinations, FRRA, etc. of 2 selected students.

Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust and Department of Music, University of Mumbai shall monitor the academic progress of the students every month.

If the student(s) failed in a particular subject / paper / internals or any other academic activity or the student(s) has the attendance less than 75% in the class then the University of Mumbai shall not provide scholarship to the student(s).

If the higher authority of University of Mumbai, Director, Department of Students' Development and Head, Department of Music confirms that the student(s) are/is

undisciplined and behaviour of selected student(s) is not up to their satisfaction then the student(s) shall not be allowed to continue his/her education further and such student(s) shall be deported to the Mauritius.

2) Period of Agreement

This Agreement shall be effective upon the date of final execution and will remain in force for a period of 5 years. Either the University of Mumbai and Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust may terminate the agreement by providing notice to the other party in writing.

3) Notices

Any required notice under this agreement is to be sent as follows-

- a) If to University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- b) If to Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust, 1st Floor, Maharashtra Bhawan, Pandit Sahadeo Square, Moka, Mauritius.

4) Funding of Activities

The Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust shall pay the travelling expenses of the selected 2 students per year (1 to and fro journey).

The University of Mumbai shall provide 100% Scholarship in Course Fees (including all components) and Hostel Fees to both selected students.

The other expenses such as study materials, health, food, etc. shall bear by the selected students only.

5) Non-discrimination

University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra and Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, religion, colour, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran be excluded from participation under the terms of this Agreement.

6) Modification

The terms of this Agreement may be changed or modified only by written amendment signed by authorized persons of the parties hereto.

7) Prevailing Language

This document shall be executed in English language.

8) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra and Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust represent and warrant to each other that they will not allow their employees, representatives, officers, directors, contractors or other agents to take any action in connection with this Agreement or any separate Activity Agreement to provide, offer or promise to provide, or authorize the provision directly or indirectly of, any money, gift, loan, service or anything of value to (i) any government official (or any agent, employee

or family member thereof), (ii) any political party or candidate for political office, or (iii) any person, while knowing that all or a portion of such money or thing of value will be offered, given or promised, directly or indirectly, to any of the foregoing in (i) or (ii), for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business or funding, to direct business or funding to any person or entity, or to secure any other improper advantage.

9) Notice

Any notices sent pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent to-

- a) If to University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.
- b) If to Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust, 1st Floor, Maharashtra Bhawan, Pandit Sahadeo Square, Moka, Mauritius.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, University of Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Mumbai, Maharashtra and Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust, 1st Floor, Maharashtra Bhawan, Pandit Sahadeo Square, Moka, Mauritius have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

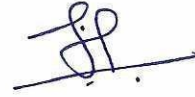
For
Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust



Mr. Arjoon Putlajee
Chairperson
Mauritius Marathi Cultural Centre Trust

October 19, 2023

For
University of Mumbai,



Prof. (Dr.) Sunil Bhirud
Registrar,
University of Mumbai

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