



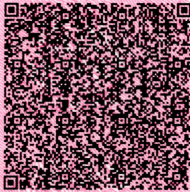
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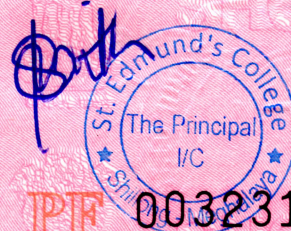
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



PRATYeK

New Delhi

&

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE

Shillong, India

FOR

COLLABORATION UNDER

Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)

MOU under Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)

PRATYeK, a not-for-profit organization working for child rights, child participation and earth rights, having its Registered Office at 338 Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi – 110060, and its Head Office at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1 Bhai Bir Singh Marg, New Delhi – 110001, represented herein by its Founder Mr Steve Rocha (hereinafter referred to as "PRATYeK", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns) of the **FIRST PART.**

AND

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE, SHILLONG, a Christian Brothers' institution established in 1923 under the Congregation of Christian Brothers in India, affiliated to North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), located at Laitumkhrah, Shillong, Meghalaya – 793003, represented herein by its Principal (hereinafter referred to as "the College", which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context, include its successors and permitted assigns) of the **SECOND PART.**

1. BACKGROUND

- A. WHEREAS PRATYeK, founded in 2013 and inspired by the vision and teachings of Edmund Rice, works under its vision "Every Child, For Every Right, For Everyone", partnering with over 100 local NGOs and 300 schools across 29 states of India, and has reached over 2.5 million children through child-led advocacy, Children's Parliaments, YASH (Young Advocates for Social Harmony) groups, rights-based education and earth-rights programmes, and is the convener of the NINEISMINE campaign.
- B. WHEREAS St. Edmund's College, founded in the tradition of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice, has served higher education in North East India for over a century, offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the Arts, Sciences, Commerce, Computer Applications and Social Work, and is committed to holistic, value-based education and social responsibility, in keeping with its motto Facta non Verba (Deeds, not Words).
- C. WHEREAS both Parties share a common Edmund Rice heritage and a commitment to justice, the dignity of every person, care for the earth and service to the marginalized, and desire to work together for mutual benefit and for the wider good of the children and youth of Meghalaya and the North East.



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2. OBJECTIVES

- To integrate child rights, human rights, earth rights and social justice into the academic and co-curricular life of the College.
- To provide students with structured opportunities for internships, field work, research and volunteering in child-rights and earth-rights programmes.
- To build the skills, employability and leadership of college students, and of children and youth in PRATYeK's networks.
- To establish and strengthen child-participation platforms, such as Children's parliament in Meghalaya and the North East.
- To undertake joint research, documentation, publications and policy advocacy on issues affecting children, youth and the environment in the region.

3. AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas, and in any other area mutually agreed upon in writing:

3.1 Academic Collaboration

- Curriculum enrichment: Joint design of modules, electives or value-added courses on Child Rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Child Protection, Human Rights, the Sustainable Development Goals, Earth Rights and the Earth Charter, for integration into UG/PG programmes, particularly Social Work (BSW/MSW), Education, Sociology, Political Science, Environmental Science and the Psychology, subject to NEHU norms.
- Certificate / add-on courses: Development and delivery of short-term certificate courses (online and on-campus) in Child Participation, Child-Led Advocacy, Rights-Based Approaches and Social Justice, jointly certified by the Parties.
- Guest lectures and resource persons: PRATYeK to provide experts, practitioners and child advocates for lectures, seminars and workshops; College faculty to serve as resource persons for PRATYeK trainings.
- Field work and internships: Placement of BSW/MSW and other students for concurrent and block field work, summer internships and dissertation fieldwork with PRATYeK and its partner NGOs and schools, under joint supervision.

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- Research and documentation: Joint research projects, surveys, case studies and situation analyze on children, youth, education, child protection, health, nutrition and the environment in the North East; co-authorship of papers, reports and policy briefs.

3.2 Shadow reports and reviews:

- Student and faculty participation in preparing child led inputs for the UNCRC shadow report, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and SDG monitoring.

3.3 Faculty development:

- Joint Faculty Development Programmes on rights-based pedagogy and on embedding justice and advocacy in higher education.

3.4 Seminars and conferences:

- Co-organization of national and regional seminars, symposia, conferences and webinars on child rights, youth, climate justice and social inclusion.

3.5 Skill Development and Capacity Building

- Advocacy and leadership skills: Training for students in advocacy, public speaking, policy engagement, campaign design, facilitation, negotiation and leadership.
- Digital and communication skills: Workshops on digital literacy, social media for social change, content creation, documentation, photography/videography and child-friendly communication.
- Computer, English and life skills for children: College students, especially from Computer Science, Psychology and English to volunteer in teaching computer, spoken English and life skills to children in partner communities.
- Research and data skills: Hands-on training in social research methods, data collection, analysis, report writing, and monitoring and evaluation of social programmes.
- Employability and career pathways: Exposure to careers in the development sector, NGO management, child protection and CSR, including mentoring, project-management training and internship/job referrals through PRATYeK's national network.
- Personal safety and wellbeing: Sessions on gender sensitivity, personal safety, adolescent wellbeing and mental health, drawing on PRATYeK resources such as

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"Play it Safe" and "On the Right Side of 18".

3.6 Earth Rights, Climate Action and Sustainability

- Joint programmes under "Embracing the Earth", including Climate giri gatherings, eco-clubs, tree-planting drives, waste management and plastic-free campus initiatives.
- Training for students and children on the Earth Charter, the Universe Story, climate justice and sustainable lifestyles.
- Documentation and advocacy on Meghalaya's environmental issues, such as springs and water sources, forests, rivers, biodiversity and the impacts of mining.

3.7 Community Outreach and Extension

- Integration of joint activities into the College's NSS, NCC, extension and outreach programmes and community-engagement requirements.
- Participation in national campaigns led by PRATYeK, including NINEISMINE and "Walk a Mile in My Shoes".
- Support for community health and nutrition initiatives, medical check-up camps and awareness drives in partner communities.
- Joint observance of Child Rights Week, Children's Day (14 November), the International Day of the Girl Child, the World Day Against Child Labour and other significant days.

3.7 Internationality and Networking

- Facilitation of student and faculty participation in international forums, UN-linked events and PRATYeK initiatives such as the Inclusive United Nations programme.
- Opportunities for students to intern or volunteer with PRATYeK and its national and global partners, including online immersion programmes.
- Connecting the College with PRATYeK's network of 100+ NGOs and 300+ schools, and with Edmund Rice networks in India and abroad, for exchange and learning.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Responsibilities of PRATYeK

- Nominate a Programme Coordinator to coordinate collaboration under this MoU.
- Provide training modules, resource materials, publications and expert resource persons for academic and skill-development activities.
- Offer structured internships and field placements with orientation, supervision and certificates of completion.
- Link the College with its national and international networks, campaigns, platforms and events.
- Provide orientation on its Child Protection Policy to all College students and staff participating in joint activities.

4.2 Responsibilities of St. Edmund's College (SEC)

- The College nominates Mr George K Sunn, Field Work Coordinator, Department of Social Work- PG and Ms Emiba Thabah, Field Work Coordinator, Department of Social Work- UG as SPOC (s) to coordinate activities under this MoU.
- Facilitate the placement of students for internships, field work, volunteering and research, and provide academic supervision and credit where applicable under NEHU regulations.
- Provide venues, classrooms, auditoriums, computer laboratories and other campus facilities for joint programmes, subject to availability.
- Encourage faculty participation as resource persons, researchers and mentors.
- Mobilize students through departments, NSS, NCC, clubs and societies for joint activities.
- Ensure that students and staff engaged in joint activities follow the child-safeguarding and code-of-conduct requirements of this MoU.

4.3 Joint Responsibilities

- Prepare an Annual Action Plan at the start of each academic year and review progress every six months.
- Jointly seek funding, grants, CSR support and government schemes for collaborative programmes.
- Maintain records of activities, participants and outcomes, and prepare an annual joint report.
- Acknowledge each other appropriately in all communications and publications arising from joint work.

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5. Duration

The MOU comes into effect from 23rd September 2026 and shall be in vogue for a period of five years after it shall be suitably reviewed and renewed by the respective heads of the institutions involved.

6. Termination

Either of the parties are free to terminate the MOU in case they are not happy with the relationship or satisfied with the services provided by either of the agencies (service) and (partner) by giving one-month notice stating the reasons for termination which shall help either of the agencies to improve their relationship further.

7. Financial Arrangements

This MoU does not by itself create any financial obligation for either Party. Each Party shall bear its own costs for activities under this MoU unless otherwise agreed. Financial arrangements for specific projects, events or courses shall be agreed in writing for each activity, specifying budgets, contributions and accounting procedures. Any funds jointly raised shall be used and accounted for in accordance with applicable law and the policies of both Parties.

8. CHILD SAFEGUARDING AND CODE OF CONDUCT

- Both Parties recognise the paramount importance of the safety and best interests of children. All students, faculty, staff and volunteers engaged in activities involving children shall:
- Undergo orientation on, and sign an undertaking to abide by, PRATYeK's Child Protection Policy and any safeguarding policy of the College.
- Comply with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, and other applicable laws;
- Not photograph, record or publish images or personal information of children without the informed consent of the child and parent/guardian, and only in accordance with safeguarding norms; and
- Report any concern of abuse, exploitation or harm immediately through the designated reporting mechanisms of both Parties.

9. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND PUBLICATIONS

Each Party retains ownership of its pre-existing intellectual property. Materials and publications jointly developed under this MoU shall be jointly owned and may be used by either Party for non-commercial, educational and advocacy purposes with due acknowledgement of both Parties. Use of either Party's name, logo or emblem shall require that Party's prior written consent. Terms for specific research outputs may be agreed separately.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

Each Party shall keep confidential any non-public information received from the other and use it only for the purposes of this MoU. Personal data, particularly of children, shall be collected, stored and used only with informed consent and in compliance with the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and other applicable laws.

11. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Nature of MoU: This MoU is an expression of intent to collaborate. It does not create a legal partnership, joint venture, agency or employment relationship between the Parties, and neither Party may bind the other.

Amendment: This MoU may be amended only by a written agreement signed by the authorised representatives of both Parties.

Autonomy: Each Party shall retain its autonomy, identity and governance, and shall act in accordance with its own rules and the norms of its affiliating or regulatory bodies.

Dispute Resolution: Any dispute arising from this MoU shall be resolved amicably through mutual consultation, in the spirit of the shared values of both Parties; if unresolved, it shall be referred to the heads of both institutions for final resolution.

Counterparts: This MoU is executed in two (2) originals, one retained by each Party, each of which shall be deemed an original.

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5. Point of Communication

Both the parties agree to designate the below mentioned person as nodal officer to ensure the smooth functioning of activities under the MOU. The issues or problems which may arise shall be resolved at the level of nodal point of communication, if necessary, beyond, which shall be referred to the individual head of the organization for resolution. The contact details are as follows:

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Shillong - 793 003, Meghalaya,
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representative(s) of PRATYek and SEC
have executed two (2) copies of this Agreement.

Mr Steve Rocha
PRATYek
New Delhi

Signature: _____

SEAL

WITNESS

1. Shame Chakraborty

Br. Sunil Britto
Principal (i/c)
St. Edmund's College
Meghalaya,

Signature: _____



WITNESS

1. Dayanitha