

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

FOR FACILITATING the development of Self Learning Material, and Building Capacity in all aspects of Open Schooling for the Assam State Open School, GUWAHATI, ASSAM

This Memorandum of Understanding herein referred to as "MOU" entered into at Guwahati, Assam
On
31st Day of March in the year 2011
Between

The Assam State Open School (ASOS), under the Assam State Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC), having its headquarters at Bamuni Maidan, Guwahati, Assam, represented through Secretary, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council, (AHSEC), henceforth to be called ASOS which expression shall unless repugnant to the context of meaning thereof include its successors and permitted assignees of the **FIRST PART**

And

Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), the regional office of the Commonwealth Of Learning, Vancouver, Canada, for the purpose of cooperation among the Asian countries of the Commonwealth in the area of educational media resources and in enhancing their capabilities in open and distance teaching/ learning by the greater use of communication technologies. BY virtue of an agreement between the Government of India and the Commonwealth Of Learning, Vancouver, Canada, dated August 31, 1998, CEMCA has been accorded the status of an international organization whereby the provisions of United Nations (Privileges and Amenities) Act of 1947 have been extended to it. The Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia, New Delhi represented by its Head (Admin & Finance), henceforth to be called CEMCA, which expression shall unless repugnant to the context of meaning thereof include its successors and permitted assignees of the **SECOND PART**
Collectively referred to as the "Parties"

Agree that in order to promote cooperation between them, the two parties will enter into a formal statement of collaboration in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of academic interaction.

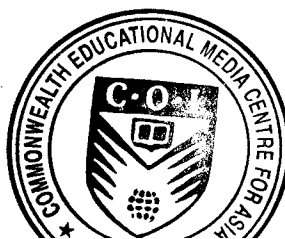
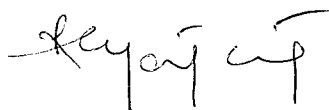
ARTICLE 1

The purpose of this agreement includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Joint decision on Curriculum Identification
2. Joint decision on Curriculum Design and Course Development
3. Capacity building in SLM Development
4. Capacity building in other areas of ODL such as Learner Support, LMS, etc
5. Exchange of material and publications of common interest.

ARTICLE 2

A Committee consisting of at least one member of the AHSEC/ ASOS; at least one CEMCA representative; and two external experts (maximum of 5 members) will be set up by CEMCA to facilitate Curriculum Design,



and Course Development in SLM Style. This Committee shall be comprised of at least one representative of ASOS on the board and the quorum will not be considered complete without the presence of the ASOS representative. Further, it is agreed upon that:

1. Both parties shall give due regard to the recommendations of the Committee.
2. CEMCA shall provide technical assistance to ASOS for SLM Development and Curriculum Design.
3. CEMCA has been providing technical assistance and will continue to consider providing technical assistance to ASOS.
4. ASOS will recognize and acknowledge the academic and technical contribution made by CEMCA by placing the COL Logo on all its printed/ other medium of publicity/, other medium material (including study material). The copyright of the study material developed by ASOS with technical support from CEMCA shall, however, remain entirely with the ASOS.

ARTICLE 3

CEMCA has already been providing technical assistantship to the ASOS, since January 2009. CEMCA will continue to provide technical assistantship of a further Rs 400 000 (Rupees four lakhs only) during the course of the year July 2010 – June 2011 for meeting the expenditure on course development (Assamese Language & Literature: Revised Version; Education: both English & Assamese Versions; History: Both English and Assamese Versions; apart from providing capacity building to Open School personnel and facilitators. This amount however, shall not be payable to ASOS but will be utilized for supporting various capacity building workshops and course development for the Assam State Open School.

ARTICLE 4

This Memorandum will be in force initially for a period of two years from the date of signing of this MOU by both the parties which may be renewed further, if required and on mutual agreement. Either party may terminate the agreement by a written notice of six months signed by the appropriate authority of the Institution initiating the notice. Such notice must be received by the other party six months prior to the effective termination date. However, obligations and commitments already contracted for and involving third parties shall be honoured and continued by both parties until such commitments are completed.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto caused this instrument to be executed as of the day, month and the year indicated below:

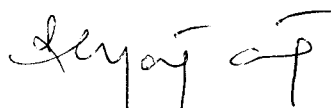
For Assam State Open School (ASOS & AHSEC)

Signature of Secretary (ASOS & AHSEC)

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For Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi

Signature of Head, (Admin & Finance) CEMCA



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Witness:

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