

By and Between

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN SIDDHA (CCRS), an autonomous body under the aegis of Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, having its headquarters office at GST Road, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai -600 047 and represented herein by its Director General which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof hereinafter be referred to as the **PARTY OF THE FIRST PART/** hereinafter referred to as CCRS).

and

SRI VENKATESHWARAA GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS (SVGI) was established in 2007 as a Linguistic Minority Institution in Ariyur, Puducherry, operating under the Ramachandra Educational Trust Affiliated with Pondicherry university, represented by the Chief Operating Officer, SVGI, Puducherry which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof hereinafter be referred to as the **PARTY OF THE SECOND PART/** (hereinafter referred to as SVGI, Puducherry).

- A. The terms Party of the First Part/CCRS, Chennai and Party of the Second Part/SVGI, Puducherry shall wherever the context so permit, mean and include their respective representatives, administrators/assigns and successors-in-interest.
- B. Whereas CCRS is an autonomous organization which comes under the Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India and it is a nodal Apex Body in the country for the formulation and co-ordination of Research in Siddha system of Medicine in Scientific lines. The Research area comprises of Siddha Literary & Fundamental Research, Medicinal Plants Research (Survey, Cultivation), Drug Research (Drug Standardization, Pharmacology, and Toxicology), and Clinical Research including Development of Nutraceuticals, Cosmetics and development of Bio-medical Instrumentation. The Research is being executed through 9 peripheral Institutes/ Units and Centres of CCRS located in various States and Union Territories, besides collaborative research with reputed National and International Research and academic institutions. Central Council for Research in Siddha is a scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (SIRO) which is equipped with the state-of-the-art infrastructure with sophisticated instruments and facilities in the following Departments: Clinical Research, Biochemistry, Pathology, Radiology, Chemistry, Pharmacognosy etc., to carry out R & D.
- C. Whereas the Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions (SVGI), Puducherry is a private educational and health-care group established by the Ramachandra Educational Trust in 2007, offering a wide array of undergraduate, postgraduate,

and diploma programmes in medical, dental, nursing, paramedical, physiotherapy, pharmacy, and engineering & technology fields. SVGI's medical wing, Sri Venkateshwaraa Medical College Hospital & Research Centre (SVMCH&RC), is in Ariyur, Puducherry, approximately 16 km from city centre. SVMCH&RC is affiliated with Pondicherry University and is recognized by the Medical Council of India (now the National Medical Commission), and the Government of Puducherry. It offers MBBS at the undergraduate level, and medical and paramedical courses. The institute has 22 academic departments covering Pre-clinical, Para-clinical and Clinical fields. Clinical departments include General Medicine, Surgery, Paediatrics, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Orthopaedics, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, ENT, Anaesthesiology, Radiology, Community Medicine, Diabetology, Dermatology / Venereology etc. It also has ancillary hospital service units under technical heads. Additional services provided include various health check-ups such as primary health, executive health, diabetic health, well-women health check-ups etc. SVGI aims to combine quality education, research, and community health outreach, preparing professionals with leadership, innovation, and technical competence while serving regional healthcare needs. With a vision to become a pioneering institution of higher learning, SVGI aims to provide quality healthcare and technology that meet global standards. Over its 17-year legacy, the institution has built a strong reputation for producing skilled graduates, fostering ground breaking research, and making meaningful impact services through the rural community in and around SVGI

- D. Whereas the Party of the First Part and the Party of the Second Part believe that collaboration and co-operation between themselves will promote more effective use of each of their resources and provide each of them with enhanced opportunities towards trans-disciplinary approaches that aim to achieve robust health using Integrative medicine with Siddha system of medicine through applications of various domain expertise and Technologies.
- E. The Parties intend to cooperate and focus their efforts on cooperation within area of Education, Research and Training including promoting interaction and collaboration between faculty, Scientists, Research Officers, Staff and Students of both the parties through visits, carrying out joint research programmes, imparting training, resource sharing, on a reciprocal basis.

F. Whereas both parties are desirous of utilizing their respective expertise in the area of value additions for conducting collaborative works between themselves. In consideration of the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows on the terms and conditions enlisted hereunder:

NOW THIS DEED OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

1. COOPERATION

- 1.1. The parties shall establish channels of communication and co-operation that will promote and advance their respective operations within the Institution and its related wings. The Parties shall keep each other informed of potential opportunities and shall share all the information that may be relevant to secure additional opportunities for one another.
- 1.2. The Party of the First Part and the Party of the Second Part co-operation will facilitate effective utilization of facilities between the parties providing significant contributions towards application of Integrative medicine concepts with Siddha system of health care, especially in popularizing Siddha systems globally and in developing suitable teaching / research / training systems / outreach activities, etc. on need-basis.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. The CCRS and SVGI, Puducherry after considering their objectives and strengths have agreed to have an understanding for collaboration in the following areas of interest with the approval of the competent authorities /committees of the parties concerned.
 - 2.1.1. Collaborative Integrative studies in the areas of Clinical Research using Varmam, Thokkanam, 32 types of External therapies, 32 types of Internal therapies, Instrumentation for diagnosis, Awareness creation and dissemination, integrated medicines, Herbal Gardening and other areas of mutual interest.
 - 2.1.2. Collaborative research project(s)/proposal(s) will be jointly submitted for the intra-mural and Extra-mural research grants in various funding agencies under State and Central Governments.
 - 2.1.3. Utilisation of expertise and facilities available in Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) and SVGI, Puducherry.

- 2.1.4. Organizing Motivational lectures and awareness programmes in Indian traditional medicines.
- 2.1.5. Organizing Joint Symposia / Conferences / Workshops / Short-term courses conducted by both the institutions.
- 2.1.6. Developing and offering Value Added Courses in Integrative Medicine by both the institutions.
- 2.1.7. Engage in Short term and long-term developmental programs on the topics of mutual interest.
- 2.1.8. Medical and Technical consultancy activities of mutual interest.
- 2.1.9. Exchange of faculty members for guest lectures, workshops, and other research related activities.
- 2.1.10. Extending access to library and knowledge sharing facilities mutually for Students and Faculty in both the institutions.
- 2.1.11. Joint Publication of Research findings in the peer reviewed National and International Journals.
- 2.1.12. Filing of Patents/other Intellectual Property rights based on the joint research efforts in compliance with IP Policy of CCRS, Chennai & SVGI, Puducherry.

3. SHARING OF IMPORTANT FACILITY

- 3.1. The two organizations agree to share their important R&D facilities on mutual consent in the areas of Research and Development subject to their feasibility/availability.

4. JOINT CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP / TRAINING PROGRAMMES

- 4.1. Both the Institutions agree to hold / conduct whenever feasible, joint conferences/ workshops / training programmes / webinars in the areas of mutual interest.

5. RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- 5.1. Faculty / Scientists from both Institutions will collaborate in the supervision of exchange of students / research scholars and in joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. All such joint research activities will be governed by the terms laid out as follows;

- 5.1.1. Proposals for collaborative research work under this Memorandum will be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each institution, or his/her nominee.

5.1.2. Each institution will nominate one of its members as its representative in charge for every collaborative programme. Individual programmes of work under this Memorandum will be jointly planned and conducted by the nominees of both parties.

5.1.3. Progress of work of any individual programmes will be reviewed and approved by designated authorities of both parties.

5.1.4. The final approval of any project will depend on the availability of guaranteed support funds.

6. COORDINATION COMMITTEE

6.1. The following will constitute the Coordination Committee to coordinate and monitor the collaboration between the two organizations:

- Director General,
Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai – 600047.
- Chief Operating Officer,
Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions (SVGI), Ariyur,
Puducherry - 605102

6.2. Two or Three representatives of Central Council for Research in Siddha One of whom to act as Coordinator of Central Council for Research in Siddha

6.3. Two or Three representatives of Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions (SVGI)- One of whom to act as Coordinator of Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions.

6.4. The representatives will work collaboratively to arrange meetings, keep their respective parties fully informed, communicate on matters that may be of mutual interest and oversee any arrangements put in place.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1. The parties hereby agree to maintain secrecy and keep confidentiality of any information that they shall gain or be privy to in the course of execution of carrying out their obligations under this Agreement and agree not to disclose the same to any third party for any reason whatsoever except for complying with any applicable law, insurance or regulatory requirements or order of any competent Court, of such information gained, unless permitted by the other party.

8. JOINT PROPERTY

8.1. The Parties agree that any intellectual property rights arising from or in connection with any programme or activity under this agreement, through and by the joint and collaborative efforts of both Parties shall be jointly owned and subject to any other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon writing.

8.2. Both Parties shall acknowledge one another in any form of writing, publication or presentation based on research derived from the collaborative efforts of both Parties under this agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

9.1. Either Party shall be excused from any delay or failure in performance required hereunder if caused by reason of any occurrence or contingency beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of war, fire, insurrection, strikes, lockouts, epidemics, pandemics or other serious labour disputes, riots, earthquakes, floods, explosions or other acts of nature.

9.2. The obligations and rights of the Party so excused shall be extended on a day-to-day basis for the time period equal to the period of such excusable interruption. When such events have abated, the Parties' respective obligations hereunder shall resume.

10. EVALUATION

10.1. The Coordination committee will assess the collaborative programme and review the progress reports and the operational plans systematically through a formal meeting once a year. In addition, representatives of the institutions will make regular site visits, based on respective operational plans.

11. COMMENCEMENT, RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND SEVERABILITY

11.1. This MoU will come into force upon affixing of the signatures of the representatives of the partner institutions and will remain in effect for

5 years. This MoU may be renewed upon its expiry, with the agreement of both partner institutions.

11.2. If either partner institution wishes to terminate the MoU at the end of 5 years period, it must notify the other institution not less than 6 months prior to the expiry of the MoU.

- 11.3. This MoU may be terminated by either party upon giving 30 days' notice to the other Party.
- 11.4. This MoU or its renewal and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time by competent authority to review such MoU/renewal/actions. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement and any amendment or extension to the agreement may be formalized by the exchange of letters between the two parties.
- 11.5. The amendment or termination of the agreement shall not be effective without deliberation between the parties, but if the deliberation does not lead to a mutually agreeable path forward for any reason, either party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice.

12. NOTICES

- 12.1. All notices and other communications required to be served on Central Council of Research in Siddha (CCRS) under the terms and this MoU shall be considered to be duly served, if the same is delivered at or posted by speed post to the Central Council for Research in Siddha, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai – 600047. Similarly, any notice to be given to the SVGI shall be considered as duly served, if the same is delivered at or posted by speed post to the SVGI at its registered office at Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions, Ariyur, Puducherry – 605102.

13. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY

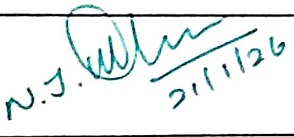
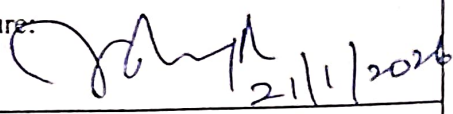
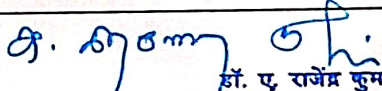
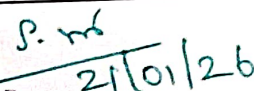
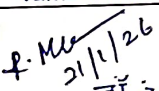
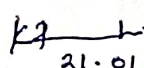
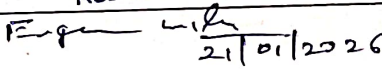
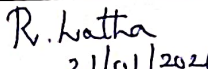
- 13.1. Each Party shall be solely responsible and liable for the actions and omissions of its employees, agents and assigns.
- 13.2. No party shall be liable to indemnify the loss caused to the other party if the loss caused is as a result of their own actions.

14. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 14.1. All disputes arising out of in connection with the instant Memorandum of Understanding shall be finally decided by Arbitration as per the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as has been amended from time to time.

(Sole Arbitrator, Seat: Chennai C.G., Language: English, Costs to be shared between the Parties equally)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties here to have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on

For and on behalf of CCRS		For and on behalf of SVGI	
Signature:  N.J. Muthu Kumar 21/1/26		Signature:  21/1/2026	
Name: Prof. Dr. N.J. Muthu Kumar		Name: Dr. B. Vidhya Rangaraju	
Title:	Director General, CCRS, Chennai	Title:	Chief Operating Officer Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions (SVGI), Puducherry
Seal:	प्रो. डॉ. एन.जे. मुत्तुकुमार Prof. Dr. N.J. MUTHUKUMAR महानिदेशक/Director General केंद्रीय सिद्ध अनुसंधान परिषद Central Council for Research in Siddha आयुष मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार/Min. of Ayush, Govt. of India जीएसटी रोड, ताम्बरम सानाटोरियम, चेन्नई-600 047 GST Road, Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai-600 047	Seal:	Dr. B. VIDHYA, MDS., Chief Operating Officer, Sri Venkateshwaraa Group of Institutions, No. 13-A, Pondy-Villupuram Main Road, Ariyur, Puducherry - 605 102.
Signed in the presence of:		Signed in the presence of:	
Witnesses (Name & Address)		Witnesses (Name & Address)	
 डॉ. ए. राजेंद्र कुमार Dr. A. Rajendra Kumar Research Officer (Siddha) एच - III S-III & Admin. Office केंद्रीय सिद्ध अनुसंधान परिषद Central Council for Research in Siddha ताम्बरम सानाटोरियम, चेन्नई-600 047 Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai-600 047		 Dr. S. Ratnasamy Director, SVMCH&RC Ariyur, Puducherry Prof. Dr. S. RATNASAMY, B.Sc., M.S., DIRECTOR Sri Venkateshwaraa Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Ariyur, Puducherry-605 102.	
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 Dr. Eugene Wilson , Research Officer (Siddha) S-II CCRS Hqtrs. Office.		 Dr. R. Latha , Prof. of Physiology, IQAC Coordinator, SVMCH&RC, Ariyur, Puducherry.	