



**IQAC, Loyola College (Autonomous)  
Chennai - 34**

Signing of

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between Loyola College and the NAAC Accreditation Aspirant  
Institutions in

**PARAMARSH**

A UGC Scheme for Mentoring NAAC Accreditation Aspirant  
Institutions to promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education  
at

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 34**

on

**18 September, 2019**



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**Paramarsh - UGC Scheme for Mentoring NAAC Accreditation  
Aspirant Institutions to Promote Quality Assurance in  
Higher Education**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between: Loyola College (Autonomous), Sterling Road, Chennai, 600 034  
and Mar Gregorios College of Arts & Science, 3Block No. 8, College  
Road, Mogappair West, Chennai - 600 037.**

Commencement Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

**Background**

The University Grants Commission, in its 532nd meeting held on 24-05-2018, approved the objectives set for improving the quality in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). It is expected that all HEIs shall strive to achieve these objectives of which one of them is as follows:

Every institution shall get National Accreditation and Assessment Council (NAAC) accreditation with a minimum score of 2.5 by 2022. In order to achieve this objective, UGC has decided to introduce a new initiative for mentoring the Non-Accredited Institutions, so that every institution can get accreditation by 2022. In view of above, a scheme has been designed which provides for Mentoring of Higher Education Institutions by a well performing accredited institution so as to enable them to upgrade their academic performance and get accredited.



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## Objectives

The main objective of the scheme is to enhance the overall quality of the mentee institutions and mentoring the institution to enable them to get accredited.

## Duration

The duration of the project shall be of one year, which can be extended up to two years subject to approval of UGC.

## Specific Areas of Facilitation

- Training of faculty and staff for proper, documentation and presentation.
- Sharing of knowledge and information.
- Opportunities for research collaboration and faculty development.
- Guidance and encouragement to institutions to adopt best practices.
- Support during the process of preparation for NAAC accreditation.
- Preparation of plan, strategies with clear timeline and schedule for monitoring of progress.

## Other Areas of Cooperation

Loyola College (Autonomous), Sterling Road, Chennai, 600 034 and Mar Gregorios College of Arts & Science, 3Block No. 8, College Road, Mogappair West, Chennai - 600 037, will also explore other potential areas where cooperation would be of mutual benefit.



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## Roles and Responsibilities of Mentee Institution

- Joint preparation of plan, strategies for accreditation.
- Attending meetings, workshop, seminar and faculty development programs in connection with themes of the scheme of mentorship.
- Execution of implementation of the plan with definite goals and deliverables.
- Initiating the process of applying for accreditation with the support of mentor institution.

## Monitoring

The UGC will consider the outcome of the mentoring on the basis of:

- Innovative steps initiated by mentor institutions and implemented by the mentee institutions.
- Number of mentee institutions accredited and their score.

## Confidentiality

The parties will keep confidential all information marked and/or identified as confidential and/or proprietary at the time of disclosure provided by the other party, other than to the extent disclosure is required to perform this MoU.



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## Good Faith

In entering into this MoU, the parties recognize that it is impractical to make provisions for every contingency that may arise during the course of the MoU.

Accordingly, the parties declare it to be their intention that this MoU shall operate between them in accordance with the principles of good faith, with fairness of all roles and responsibilities arise out of the scheme of "Paramarsh - UGC Scheme for Mentoring NAAC Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to Promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education" as specified by the UGC.

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Position : Principal

Date : 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2019

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Signed on behalf of (Mar. Gregorios College of Arts & Science, 3 Block No. 8, College Road, Mogappair West, Chennai - 600 037)

Name : **Dr. M. SIVAKAJAN**

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