

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Connecting Dreams Foundation
&
Sri Venkateswara College**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered between Connecting Dreams Foundation (CDF) represented by Dr Amit Tuteja, Co-Founder and Executive Director, and its office located in New Delhi, India (<https://connecting-dreams.org>) registered and licensed under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, Government of India and Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi represented by Prof. C Sheela Reddy, Principal, Sri Venkateswara College.

Background

Sri Venkateswara College is a constituent college of the University of Delhi established in 1961 in New Delhi, India. It is managed by Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams & UGC and awards degrees under the purview of the University of Delhi. The college offers courses both at the undergraduate level and the postgraduate level. Vocational courses and short-term add-on courses that serve as a significant supplement to the academic profiles of the students are offered by the college. The Vision of the College is to educate, enable and empower young students, the Mission is to steer the education it offers not only to lead to the pragmatic goal of employability, but also to build a life of the mind and sensitize and orient its students to the service of the community, in the quest for a better life for society and the world that we inhabit.

About CDF: Connecting Dreams Foundation (CDF) aims to address the SDG-based challenges through entrepreneurial action and youth participation. CDF is working largely to utilize the potential of the youth and directing it towards activities that will lead to inclusive social development, enabling the achievement of SDGs. It provides the youth with an opportunity to bring about a sustainable and scalable change by working along the lines of 17 SDGs. CDF resolves a diverse set of challenges that align with the global narrative of SDGs, focusing on the multidimensionality of development from job creation, community development & empowerment, education, entrepreneurship, health, environment and many more.

Purpose

This MOU is being signed between Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi and Connecting Dreams Foundation to implement the **Changemaker Lab Programme** and provide opportunities to students to understand the grass-root level challenges and solve them through systemic models of entrepreneurship initiatives. The programme members will be trained under the guidance and supervision of global experts drawn from both the parties and various universities and corporates.

Changemaker Lab Programme

The Changemaker Lab Program is a semi-virtual, semi-physical institutional chapter of learning and local action. The proposed chapter trains the youth by creating SDG Champions and directs them towards the creation of sustainable business models that will carry the importance of sustainability. CDF follows a **three-step theory of changemaking – collect challenges, create solutions, change lives** by collaborating with different stakeholders, and supporting innovation. The Changemaker Lab program aims to unleash the next generation's talent to solve one of the biggest problems of the world i.e. achieving sustainable goals for everyone.

OBJECTIVES OF CHANGEMAKER LAB:

1. To build the capacity of young students to develop global futuristic skills to become changemakers and SDG Champions.
2. To embark on a journey to learn 21st Century Changemaking Skills through a systematic model of entrepreneurship.
3. To foster experiential learning by directing the youth to facilitate/create social businesses and entrepreneurs by empowering local communities.
4. To create viable and scalable community-led business enterprises.
5. To sensitise students towards a sustainable future.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CONNECTING DREAMS FOUNDATION (CDF)

- Conduct workshops and training for the students of the Changemaker Lab.
- Help the students in identifying community and user groups.
- Formulating grass-root level problem statements for the projects undertaken by the students.
- Assigning industrial experts, mentors and coaches depending on the need.
- Organise events and seminars by connecting with potential sponsors and corporate partners.
- Facilitate students' partnership with corporates, national/international organizations and forums for on-ground implementation of solutions and for showcasing their efforts.
- Upon successful completion of the program, the students will be entitled to a Certificate and recommendation letter authorized by CDF.
- The students/projects with innovative ideas shall be recognized at the end of the program and invited to participate in major events organized by CDF.
- Students with the greatest social impact will be recognized and awarded.

SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE (SVC)

- Formulate a team of volunteers for the Changemaker Lab Programme.
- Appoint a mentor to guide the Changemaker Institutional Lab.
- Allow students to participate in the workshops and trainings.
- Enable students to organise events and seminars in the college campus through fundraising, collaborations and sponsorships.
- Encourage students to participate in various National and International events and/or competitions as and when needed.
- Identify the community and user group for the Lab in association with CDF.

RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the date of the signature by both the parties. It may be amended by agreement of the parties.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or concerning this MoU, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof, shall be settled by both parties amicably by mutual agreement between the two representatives of the parties.

For,
Connecting Dreams Foundation

A. Tuteja

Name: Dr. Amit Tuteja
Designation: Director
Date: 20 June, 2022



For,
Sri Venkateswara College

C. Sheela Reddy

Name: Prof. C. Sheela Reddy
Designation: Principal
Date: 20th June, 2022

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The Principal
Sri Venkateswara College
Delhi University

Subject: Request to approve Connecting Dream Foundation, Sri Venkateswara College as Social Entrepreneurship Society.

Respected Ma'am

Connecting Dreams Foundation (CDF) is a non-profit organisation registered and licensed under section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956, Government of India.

Connecting Dreams Foundation aims to address the SDG-based challenges through entrepreneurial action and youth participation. It has empowered and created multiple urban and rural models for solving the key SDG challenges through *systemic models of entrepreneurship*.

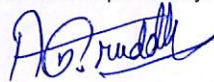
Connecting Dreams Foundation, Chapter - Sri Venkateswara College (CDF SVC) was formed in March 2020 by students having the vision of creating social impact through an entrepreneurial mindset. The club now has 50 college students working on various change-making projects.

Currently, we are working on 3 projects, one concerned with underprivileged students' career counselling, another aiming to teach English & Personality development skills to the students and lastly, helping women gain financial stability through candle making. Moreover, we have also started working on 2 new projects which we are going to start in near future. I would also like to mention here that CDF SVC has been honoured with the "Upcoming Dream Team Award" by CDF India recently.

Hereby, we request you to approve CDF SVC as Social Entrepreneurship Society and assign Dr Nandita Narayanasamy, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry as the convenor and Dr Aditi Kothari Chhajer, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany as co-convenor of CDF SVC.

Thanking You.

Yours Respectfully



Aniruddh Jhanwar
President, CDF SVC