

BIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Memorandum of Understanding to digitize/donate digital copies of Manuscript(s)/rarebook(s), old magazine(s), Journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge.

BETWEEN



Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University,

B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-16



Vrindavan Research Institute (VRI)

Raman Reti Marg Vrindavan-281121, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

M.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) entered into and executed on this 6th day of November, 2025.

By and Between

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, Central University,
B-4, Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016 (hereinafter referred to
as "SLBSNSU")

And

Vrindavan Research Institute, Raman Reti Marg, Vrindavan-281121, Mathura.
Uttar Pradesh. (hereinafter referred to as "VRI").

SLBSNSU and VRI, Vrindavan are collectively referred to as the "Parties" and
individually referred to as "Party"

M.2. PREAMBLE:

M.2.1. SLBSNSU, **New Delhi** is Central University which comes under the
preview of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India. This University is a
traditional university which aims to preserve and promote the rich
tradition of Shastric knowledge, interpreting ancient wisdom in the
context of modern challenges, ensuring its continued relevance and
significance.

M.2.2. VRI, **Vrindavan** was established on 24 November 1968 on the
occasion of auspicious day of Bihar Panchami by Dr. Ramdas Gupta
to provide protection to cultural heritage of Braj region, was
inaugurated by the then Union Minister Dr. Karan Singh. The main
aim of the VRI was to collect and publish the manuscript wealth that
is being eroded at various sites in Vrindavan and Braj region (due to
lack of proper conservation) to use them for research purposes.
Presently about 20,000 rare books along with several old magazines
and about 30,000 very old and rare manuscripts covering Sanskrit,
Hindi, Bangla, Odia, Gujarati, Urdu and Punjabi languages are
preserved in the library of VRI, including about 158 Ayurvedic
Manuscripts.

RD Gupta

Singh

- M.2.3. SLBSNSU, **New Delhi and VRI, Vrindavan**, has decided to enter into this MOU to undertake the digitizing/receiving digital copies of Manuscripts/rare books, old magazines, journals, periodicals etc. pertaining to tradition of Shastric knowledge and to organize seminars, conduct workshops and undertake research activities as per the terms and conditions and guidelines of its Research Policy.

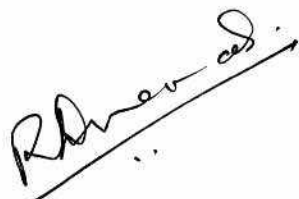
NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROMISES AND MUTUAL COVENANTS HEREINAFTER CONTAINED, THE TWO PARTIES HITHERTO AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING AS PER TERMS AND CONDITIONS -

M.3. OBJECTIVE OF THE MOU:

- M.3.1. To share the digital copies of Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge available in the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan and SLBSNSU.
- M.3.2. To allow for digitizing Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s). periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge available in the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan and not digitized till date.
- M.3.3. To Organize Jointly Seminars, exhibition and workshops jointly/collaboratively to exchange of faculties, Research works etc.

M.4. PROPOSED MODES OF THE COLLABORATION:

- M.4.1. Both the parties agree to jointly prepare a list of Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s). journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge available in the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan for the purpose of research and dissemination of knowledge.



- M.4.2. Both the parties agree to sign this MOU in the view of National interest to digitize all Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge available in the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan for the purpose of research and dissemination of knowledge.
- M.4.3. Both the parties also agree to take initiative to declare the Manuscripts pertaining to Shastric knowledge listed by both the parties as National Heritage.
- M.4.4. In view of National interest, at any point of time in future both parties will not claim any profit from these donated digital copies of Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. and/or from their related Research works, publications etc. since the day of signing this agreement. The final product(s) arise from the Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. of the VRI, Vrindavan in the form of published books will be shared by the both parties in the ratio of 50/50 % .

M.5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

M.5.1. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SLBSNSU, NEW DELHI:

- M.5.1.1. The metadata of the digital copies of the rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge received from the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan will be added to the Portal of SLBSNSU and each manuscript shall be assigned a unique id number as per directives issued by Gyan Bhartam Mission.
- M.5.1.2. SLBSNSU may upload the digital copies of the Metadata of manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge received from the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan as per standard procedure, facilitating access those to registered Researchers and Scholars (without copy/download facility), which can also be seen on VRI's website.



- M.5.1.3. SLBSNSU may nominate any of the manuscript(s) received in digital form from the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan for national/global exhibitions/contests, representing to the Govt. of India. In case if, the nominated manuscript owns the award; all prides and financial benefits will be enjoyed by the VRI, Vrindavan.
- M.5.1.4. After receiving all Manuscript(s) / rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s), periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge, the VRI, Vrindavan will be awarded with a memento and also will be certified as "(Preserver Institute of Ancient Heritage)" by SLBSNSU.
- M.5.1.5. The name of the VRI, Vrindavan will be acknowledged in writing in all future Research works / publications arising from the digital copies of manuscripts / rare books etc. donated/provided by VRI.
- M.5.1.6. All expenses towards the digitization work including man power, basic conservation materials and purchasing of DVDs/Hard Disks etc. of Manuscript(s) rare book(s). old magazine(s), journal(s). periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge, preserved in the library/collection of VRI, Vrindavan shall be borne by the SLBSNSU.
- M.5.1.7 After receiving digital/physical copies of all Manuscripts pertaining to Shastric knowledge, SLBSNSU will prepare a Descriptive Catalogue of those Manuscripts and present to the VRI, Vrindavan (Donor institute) free of cost.
- M.5.1.8 SLBSNSU, New Delhi will extend its complete cooperation and support to the Vri Vrindavan team and will provide basic facilities like space, required furniture, electricity connection etc. during the process of cleaning, highlighting, conserving (basic conservation), cataloguing and digitizing of manuscripts.

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M.5.2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VRI VRINDAVAN:

M.5.2.1. VRI, Vrindavan will extend its complete cooperation and support to the SLBSNSU team and will provide basic facilities like space, required furniture, electricity connection etc. during the process of cleaning, highlighting, conserving (basic conservation), cataloguing and digitizing of manuscripts.

M.5.3. JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES OF SLBSNSU AND VRI:

M.5.3.1. Cooperation in smooth execution of donation and receiving of Digitized copies of Manuscript(s)/rare book(s), old magazine(s), journal(s). periodical(s) etc. pertaining to Shastric knowledge.

M.5.3.2. If, any additional requirements are identified, they can be included, if mutually accepted.

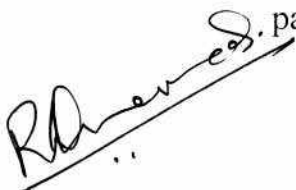
M.6. IPR & FURTHER RESEARCH & PUBLICATION:

M.6.1. Both the parties agree that all rights related to research, editing, publication and reprint including payment to editors and publishers, selling of published books etc. of/on the digitized and donated manuscripts will settled mutually and amicably.

M.6.2. Copyright of the published book(s), research outcome(s), reprint(s) etc. will be with both the parties.


M.7. ARBITRATION:

M.7.1. In the event of any dispute or differences between the parties hitherto, such differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. Where it could not be resolved so, then it shall be referred to arbitration of three arbitrators, one to be appointed by each of the parties. The two arbitrators shall appoint the Third Arbitrator (Umpire) mutually, who shall preside over the proceedings. The decision of the said arbitrators shall be final and binding on both the parties.




IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both the Parties have set and subscribed their respective hands to this agreement on the date and place mentioned above, in the presence of following witnesses.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit
University (SLBSNSU), Central University,
New Delhi. (First Party)


(Santosh Kumar Sriyastava)
Registrar & Finance Officer



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Raman Reti Marg. Vrindavan,
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(Dr, Rajeev Dwivedi)
Director

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Signatures, Name & address of witnesses
(On behalf of the SLBSNSU, New Delhi)

1. 
06/11/2025
(Prof. B. Nandh)
2. 
(Prof. D.P. Tripathi)

Signatures, Name & Address of witnesses
(On behalf of VRI, Vrindavan)

1. 
(Dr. Karunesh Upadhyay)
2. 
Prof. Anand