

# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN**

## **Jai Hind College and Explorers**

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2015, by and between the Jai Hind College, Mumbai and The Explorers, for the purpose of collaboration for the Bachelors in Vocation Course being initiated by the Jai Hind College in October, 2015.

### **1. Preamble**

The Explorers was founded on the principles of offering exploratory cultural trips and adventure getaways to those discerning travelers who look for more than sightseeing and shopping on their vacations. Right from our formation in 1992 the Company has relentlessly worked on making a vacation an 'experience' rather than a journey. The itineraries are designed to absorb the essence of the places that we visit. On our cultural tours you would get to have a close look at the culture, cuisine, traditions, art and craft apart from the usual visits to places of tourist interest.

The adventure getaways take you on some of the pristine trails in the Himalayas and Sahayadri Hills, camping in some of the most spectacular spots, rafting on roaring rapids of the rivers in India and Nepal. The adventure camps are designed for the young explorers who want to experience the thrills of camping in true wilderness and challenging themselves on rock faces and learning bush craft. The team comprises of trainers and facilitators from diverse backgrounds. While adventure programmes are handled exclusively by our team of trained and certified mountaineers and naturalists, our cultural trips are coordinated by professionals from diverse fields.

### **Recognition and Felicitations:**

- **Approved by the Department of Tourism, Government of India.**
- **Member of the Travel Agents Association of India.**



- **Official Adventure Partner of the International Award for Young People (IAYP), India.**
- **Awarded Certificate of Appreciation by Hamid Ansari, Honorable Vice President of India.**
- **Member of Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI).**

Jai Hind College, a multi Faculty College, established in 1948, by a group of dedicated teachers from Karachi and currently, managed by the Sind Educationists' Association, is affiliated to the University of Mumbai and is recognised for distinction in the teaching of several subjects including the Arts, Sciences, Commerce and the Media Studies. It is one of the premier educational institutions in Mumbai. The College fosters excellence in academics, promotes research culture and consistently enriches students through special certificate courses, to facilitate employability. It has always endeavoured to train students to contribute through knowledge and commitment to subjects at the local, national and international levels and has gone beyond the curriculum, in order to achieve excellence in the pursuit of imparting holistic education.

## **2. NATURE OF THE PROPOSED COURSE**

Jai Hind College has launched a UGC approved new program, **Bachelor of Vocation Tourism** Course under the Mumbai University. The primary objective of this Course is to align higher education with the emerging needs of the economy and thereby, to add to the employability of students in various upcoming sectors of the economy including tourism, in the era of accelerated globalization.

The Government of India in December 2013 issued a National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) in order to promote skill based vocational education. The B Voc. Program is focused on providing undergraduate education a new thrust by incorporating and blending skill building along with a general education component which will incorporate specific job roles (in accordance with NSQF levels) in order to facilitate quick and successful placements in industry

### **3. PURPOSE**

The aim of this MOU is primarily to establish a written document under which both the institutions may enter into a collaborative programme whereby experts from the Tourism industry, working with the Explorers, could deliver lecture and share domain knowledge and expertise with students aspiring to be in the industry. The collaboration would provide an opportunity to students of BVOC Tourism to get associated with events and projects being conducted by the Explorers, through internships and placements.

### **4. AREA OF COLLABORATION**

There will be an understanding to add value to the Course by providing

- (i) A list of experts who can deliver lectures or hold interactive sessions for the students of BVOC in order to provide knowledge of the industry's various facets,
- (ii) Internships to students, at the Explorers and visits to Explorers centres or field events for practical learning sessions
- (iii) Placement opportunities to students depending on their talent and performance.
- (iv) Suggestions on any relevant areas to be included in the syllabus.
- (v) Providing one month or 6 weeks or 6 months internship opportunities to select students based on their performance and aptitude.

### **5. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- (a) Jai Hind College will hold this course in its campus located in South Mumbai.
- (b) \*The Course will include lectures, interactive sessions with experts from the Explorers in any one Semester. The theory sessions can be in the College while exposure to events and projects could be done through practical training on field.
- (c) \*The purpose of the course is to improve the job understanding of students in the tourism industry and provide them the opportunities to learn by getting associated with actual handling of projects being offered by the Explorers.
- (d) The College agrees to provide a classroom equipped with audio visual equipments such as a computer, projector and screen, and all other accessories that are required to deliver high quality classroom sessions.



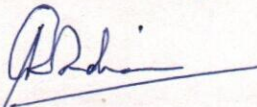
(e) \*The theory sessions will be held on three chosen days in a week preferably from 1.30 P.M. to 3.30 P.M.

(f) The timings for all the field visits, workshops and events will be determined and announced well in advance for the benefit of the students, preferably at the beginning of the semester and by joint understanding.

(f) If possible students should be given some stipend to meet the travelling costs etc.

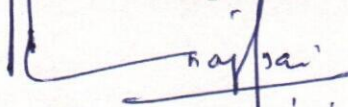
(g) This MOU shall be effective from the date of signing the same and shall remain in effect for the respective academic year, to be extended automatically for the next year until informed otherwise through prior intimation. The areas of collaboration can be upgraded further as the Course would grow by mutual discussion.

For Jai Hind College



Principal  
PRINCIPAL  
JAI HIND COLLEGE

For The Explorers



Managing Partner



For Jai Hind College



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Date : 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2015

Date