## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING







## **BETWEEN**

# INDIAN COAST GUARD, CGWWA

## AND

NOORUL ISLAM CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, KANYAKUMARI

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi on this **12 day of December 2024**...

#### BY AND BETWEEN

- 1. **Indian Coast Guard** an Indian Armed Force having its mailing address at Coast Guard Headquarters, National Stadium Complex, New Delhi 110001 (hereinafter referred to as "**First Party**").
- 2. The **Coast Guard Wives Welfare Association (CGWWA)**, Indian Coast Guard also known as 'Tatrakshika'. CGWWA refers to the Indian Coast Guard's gender-neutral 'Welfare and Wellness' association, which is set up, run and managed by the spouses of Indian Coast Guard Personnel and has its HQ at Coast Guard Headquarters, National Stadium Complex, New Delhi 110001. (hereinafter referred to as "**Second Party**").

#### **AND**

Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education (NICHE), Kanyakumari 3. (Deemed to be University) is a multi-disciplinary, research focused and studentcentric University which offers a wide range of academic programs at the Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctorate level. The University's goal is to be recognized by the Government and society at large as an institution able to deliver excellence with relevance in the field of higher education and research focusing on the needs of the nation in tune with the technological revolution to cope with the knowledge explosion and global competence. It's mission to be develop the Institution as a centre of excellence, keeping pace with advances in the field, so as to provide quality higher education to the students and instill in them high standards of discipline and ethics so that they become enlightened individuals in the service of humanity and to carry out focused research in the frontier areas of Science and Technology. The University promises to offer value added professional education and promote intensive and innovation research with emphasis on a continual improvement in all its services.

#### **Whereas**

- 4. The First Party **Indian Coast Guard**, is undertaking MoU for welfare of wards/ dependents of its serving and retired personnel including Defence Civilians, for education purpose.
- 5. The Second Party, **CGWWA**, supports the spouses and families of Coast personnel including facilitating higher educational avenues for their families

6. The Third Party, **Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education (NICHE)**, **Kanyakumari** (Deemed to be University) is a multi-disciplinary, research focused and student-centric University which offers a wide range of academic programs at the Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Doctorate level offering special services to wards/ dependents of serving and retired Indian Coast Guard personnel including Defence Civilians of the ICG.

#### **Purpose**

- 7. The Parties are desirous of collaborating with each other for the educational benefits/ welfare of wards/ dependents of serving and retired personnel including Defence Civilians of the ICG.
- 8. The parties hereto have agreed to enter into this MoU on the terms and conditions given in succeeding Paragraphs.

#### 9. Responsibilities of the (NICHE).

- (a) Designate a senior official as a one-point of contact representing all policy and administrative issues.
- (b) Acknowledge Indian Coast Guard as lead partners for the project.
- (c) Provide a minimum concession of 30% on tuition fees to all the eligible applicants i.e. 'wards/ dependents of serving and retired Indian Coast Guard personnel including Defence Civilians of the ICG' in all the courses offered by NICHE subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria / entrance exam / available vacancies.
- (d) The admission criteria for various courses will be as per standards set by regulatory bodies such as AICTE, UGC, RCI etc.
- (e) Extend additional benefits of various scholarships at NICHE to the students from ICG as applicable to all students as per eligibility.
- (f) Extend free services of the NICHE Defence Training Academy to the students from ICG as well.

#### 10. Resolution of Differences.

(a) In case any dispute/ claim arises between the parties with respect to the MoU, including academic cooperation, validity, interpretation, implementation or alleged breach of any of its provision or regarding a question, including the questions as to whether the termination of this MoU by one party hereto has been legitimate, the parties hereto shall endeavour settle such dispute amicably through mutual discussions between the higher offices of the organisations. The amicable settlement shall be

undertaken by the higher offices of the parties in order to undertake "genuine and good faith settlement" to resolve the dispute.

- (b) This MoU is not intended to provide any basis for investment or partnership decision at the present or in the future by and between the Parties outside the scope of this MoU.
- (c) Neither party may, nor cause any other party to, engage in any form of corruption or illegal or unethical act to obtain and maintain a business, including but not limited to; offering or paying a bribe or giving a gift or anything else of value to any official to improperly influence anyone in connection with their obligations hereunder. Neither party shall engage in or tolerate any kind of bribery and shall not promise, offer, provide, or authorise anything of value; including without limitations; payments, gifts, travel, meals, entertainment, political contributions, and contributions of any kind of nature, such as donations and sponsorships or favours, to any Government official to improperly influence any act or decision-making in violation of applicable law. Neither Party shall request, authorize, or tolerate any kind of bribery or any other kind of illegal or unethical action from others on behalf of the other party, in the other party's name, or in any other way related to the services.
- (d) This MoU constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous understandings and agreements whether written or oral between the Parties w.r.t. the subject matter thereof.
- (e) All the disputes shall be subject to jurisdiction of courts of/ in Tamil Nadu.
- 11. **Amendment to the MoU**. During the operation of the MoU circumstances, if any, arise which calls for modification(s)/ alteration(s), they will be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing.
- 12. <u>Tenure & Termination</u>. This MoU will take effect from the date it is signed by the parties. It will remain valid for five years from the **Academic Year 2025 to 2029**, and may be renewed after suitable review thereafter. Either party may terminate the MoU by giving written notice to the other party Six months in advance. Once terminated, neither the Indian Coast Guard, CGWWA nor Noorul Islam Center for Higher Education (NICHE), Kanyakumari will be responsible for any losses, financial or otherwise, which the other party may suffer. However, the parties agree to that all the activities in progress will be allowed to complete successfully.

12 Notices. Any notice required to be given under the terms of this remove of Understanding (MoU) shall be in writing and delivered to the parties at the addresses given herein below:-

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement and executed by their respective duly authorized representatives on the 12 day of December 2024 mentioned herein before.

For and on-behalf of		
<b>Indian Coast Guard</b>	CGWWA	NICHE University
Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
	Priya Paramesh	Reguonal
Name: DIG Narendra Singh, TM	Name:	Name:
Dig Nateriara Singh, 114	Mrs. Priya Paramesh	Dr. Tessy Thomas
Designation: Principal Director (Admin)	Designation: President, CGWWA	Designation: Vice Chancellor
Witness	Witness	Witness
Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
Name: Commandant Umed Singh	Name: Commandant (JG) Soniya Singh	Name: Dr. K.A Saju
Designation: Director (Admin)	Designation: Deputy Director (Admin)	Designation: General Manager
		Witness
,		Signature:
		Name: Kishor S
		Designation: Project Manager