### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya

111/3, B.T. Road, Bonhoogly, Kolkata - 700 108

And



Anahat For Change Foundation
28, Diamond Harbour Road, Behala, Kolkata 700060

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THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the "MOU") is entered On

Date: 14/06/2023 Between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya Kolkata and Anahat For Change Foundation

Principal
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# BACKGROUND OF PARTIES

PRASANTA CHANDRA MAHALANOBIS MAHAVIDYALAYA, BARANAGAR (formerly Bon-Hooghly College of Commerce) was established in 1965 as an evening Commerce College affiliated to the University of Calcutta. The idea of an evening Commerce College, a dream of many educated people of the Baranagar-Kamarhati area, became reality through the untiring efforts of a few educationists and persons interested in education and social development. Public donations and charities on the one hand and voluntary services rendered by teachers of the college on the other were the driving force for the college to go ahead and grow. The area where the college is situated, though adjacent to Kolkata, is a part of the greater Baranagar-Kamarhati Industrial Belt of West Bengal. The area has also the highest concentration of uprooted (refugees) people of which a sizable number belong to the Scheduled Castes community.

From the academic session 2003-04 we introduced faculties in arts and science by opening Honours courses in Geography (self financing) along with general subjects like Sociology and Education. Honours courses were introduced in Sociology and Education the following year. This situation called for changing the name of the college as it was no longer just a commerce college. So to pay tribute to Prof. P. C. Mahalanobis, the great pioneer statistician and founder of Indian Statistical Institute, our college was renamed Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya. Gradually Honours courses were opened in Mathematics, Economics, Bengali, English, Philosophy and Food & Nutrition. Chemistry and Computer Science were also introduced as general subjects to offer the students a better combination. Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Baranagar got affiliated to the West Bengal State University (WBSU), Barasat since 2008. From the academic session 2017-18 college has introduced four subjects such as Physics, History, Political Science and Human Development as general papers. From 2018-19 Computer Science Honours courses were started. From the academic session 2019-20 Honours courses are introduced in Political Science, History and Human Development Now our college owns a four-storey two-block building and has become a multi-faculty degree college offering Honours courses of study in 14 subjects.

Anahat For Change started operations in 2018. Since then they have been able to reach more than 4500 families across India. They are an organization working to build an equal environment for young girls and boys and helping them break the shackles of gender stereotypes and discrimination. They run two major projects- Unnati & Udaan in West Bengal. Unnati aims at promotion of menstrual hygiene management & sexual reproductive health rights with both male and female community members. Under this project they run a successful brand Anahat Unnati (www.anahatunnati.com). Udaan aims to make gender based violence and discrimination unacceptable in several regions of Bengal by creating an agency for women and girls.

**PURPOSE** 

Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya 111/3, B. T. Road, Kolketa-108 The parties recognise the benefits to be derived from increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction for the purpose of promotion and understanding of high performance in awareness activities and organizing various programmes including workshops, internships, conferences, and other awareness activities. The purpose of this MOU is to define the areas for fundamental, socio academic aspects in which the Parties desire to work together in the future for their mutual benefit to foster a collaborative framework between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya College and Anahat For Change Foundation, in the field with a view to benefiting from each other's initiatives and working procedures and to support collaboration among the members associated with both Parties.

#### SCOPE

This MOU sets forth the intentions of the Parties for increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction and does not create any legally binding commitments. If the Parties later agree to undertake specific joint projects with legally binding obligations, they will develop separate written agreements for such projects, setting out each Party's contributions, deliverables.

## THE PARTIES INTEND TO:

Strengthen the ties between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Anahat For Change Foundation to make collaborative efforts in the field of Gender Sensitization and Menstrual Hygiene. Collaboration in awareness campaigns and other fields of mutual interest.

This MoU is signed between Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Anahat For Change Foundation for the years 2022-2025 for the following deliverables.

Deliverables from Anahat For Change Foundation

- 1. Organizing events, workshops, panel discussions, webinars, seminars and activities related to Gender Sensitization and Empowerment.
- 2. Providing a platform to our students to undergo short projects, volunteer work, exposure visits and internship programs under Anahat For Change Foundation.
- 3. Help the college to promote Gender Sensitive practices within the campus.
- 4. Celebration of socially relevant days having Gender implications.
- 5. Mentoring services to enable students to choose Social Work as a career path.

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Deliverables from Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata

1. The College will allow Anahat For Change Foundation to interact with students of the college both in online and offline mode.

2. Motivate students to participate in various campaigns and training programs organized by Anahat For Change Foundation

3. Anahat For Change Foundation Logo will be exhibited on all online and offline modes of promotion of the events jointly organized by the college and Anahat For Change Foundation

### MODE OF OPERATION

Both parties will provide necessary support for effective implementation of the MoU within the institutional rules and procedures.

This MoU shall be effective from the date it is signed by both the parties.

Within the broad framework of the MoU, Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Anahat For Change Foundation can work on awareness activities, internship programmes, development of facilities etc. Any financial commitment for joint activities under this MoU shall be subject to the approval by the Competent Authorities of the respective organizations. The activities under this MoU shall be coordinated, monitored and recorded by The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Mahavidyalaya, Kolkata and Ms Namrata Dutta Karamchandani, Co-Founder and Managing Director; Anahat For Change Foundation. The visitors will be bound by the rules and regulations, as well as the code of conduct of the host institution.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This MoU places no financial obligations or supplementary funding commitments on either party. These activities will be defined through separate programme agreements, detailing the commitment of resources (financial or otherwise) required from each institution. Subsequent programme agreements must be approved in advance in writing by the authorized representatives from both parties. Each Party will be responsible for its own costs in connection with all matters relating to collaborations under this MoU. Where possible and appropriate, the parties may also seek funding for collaborations from Government and related agencies. This

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MoU is also based on broad based understanding between the parties and does not place any financial liabilities on any of the parties. In case there is joint financial involvement between both the parties for any awareness activities it would be decided on an event basis in advance.

# VALIDITY

The Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of THREE years commencing from the effective date.

# AMENDMENTS/ MODIFICATIONS

This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the representatives

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Ms Namrata Dutta Karamchandani Co-Founder and Managing Director Anahat For Change Foundation Kolkata-700060

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