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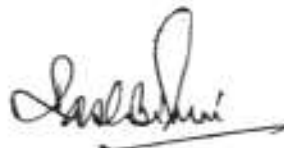
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**Memorandum of Understanding between  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Patna University**

- 1.1. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (henceforth TISS) and Patna University (henceforth PU) sign this Memorandum of Understanding on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to further their mutual cooperation to implement a five-year research project entitled "The City, the River and Migration: A Research Project on Patna and Ganga". While on behalf of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, its Patna based Centre for Development Practice and Research will participate in the collaborative project, the Departments of English, Geography and History will participate on behalf of Patna University. The purpose of this MoU is to provide a framework of cooperation and facilitate collaboration between PU and TISS for the said project.

  
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## 2. Brief Introduction of the Project

2.1. This research project is envisaged as a study of flow and settlement; of passage and transit; of a unique form of urbanization and production of space; and of a perpetual struggle for rights, belonging, and escape. The protagonists of the project are Ganga and Patna. It is the dynamic valency between these two that is at the core of the conceptualization of the research project. Ganga and Patna have bonded, collided, invaded, and, at times, immersed in each other. The turbulent propinquity between the two have created devastations of terrible magnitude but also created and continues to create spaces of devotion, culture, socialization, state and non-state interventions, social struggles, and autonomy of political subjects. However, Ganga has nurtured numerous cities over the centuries and the relation between Ganga and its cities has been civilizational. Some cities have endured to create puzzling palimpsests of urban space and experience while many find their glorious existence in history but are now little more than dusty entanglement of decay and survival. Some cities have promised regeneration and revival while others are secure in their middling status. Haridwar, Kanpur, Chunar, Varanasi, Tamralipti, Burdwan, Murshidabad, and Kolkata are just some of the cities that have seen their fortunes ebb and flow with the Ganga. At the heart of this research project is the premise that Patna and its urbanization since, at least, the colonial period has been shaped by the usages to which Ganga has been put through by capital, market, and state.

## 3. Objectives

- 3.1. To engage students and research scholars of the two participating institutions in the research work and encourage and mentor them so that they can contribute in the output of the project (journal articles, chapters in edited volume, etc.).
- 3.2. To create a community of scholars, researchers, academics, and practitioners who critically engage with urban issues and migration especially in non-metropolitan or second and third tier cities and towns, in the process creating new body of knowledge in the broader interdisciplinary field of urban studies.
- 3.3. To intervene in the public sphere of Patna shaping debates and discussion around the urban past, present, and future of the city.
- 3.4. To contribute in the urban processes of Patna through helping in creating heritage walks, setting-up of museums, archives, organizing cultural, literary, and academic festivals and helping in undertaking restoration projects of urban artefacts in Patna.
- 3.5. To engage with other public institutions, local administration, government ministries, and cultural organizations and avenues to achieve high social and cultural impact.

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#### 4. Key Deliverables

- 4.1. This is a five-year research project. The participating departments of PU and TISS will prepare a project document giving phase-wise details of their work programme and key deliverables. Overall, the key deliverables will be the following:
- 4.1.1. A three-credit choice-based course under the CBCS to be offered in PU, subject to the approval of the statutory bodies of PU, which will be taught jointly by PU and TISS. Both the institutions will work together to develop its curriculum and teaching plan.
  - 4.1.2. Research by each of the participating institutions as per the project document.
  - 4.1.3. Publications, both jointly and separately by the faculty and student researchers of the participating institutions in the form of edited and authored volumes, anthologies, pictorial books, audio books, etc.
  - 4.1.4. Digitalisation of existing documents/records available with PU which are relevant for the project. The digitalised material will be hosted by both universities on their websites or a dedicated web portal designed for the project.
  - 4.1.5. Creation of a web-based multimedia portal of the research project.
  - 4.1.6. A common short-term course on philosophy of social science research every year for student researchers from the three said departments of PU.
  - 4.1.7. Department-specific research methodology course every year for students of the departments in general and participating student researchers in particular.
  - 4.1.8. Formation of a reading and writing group constituted by the faculty and student researchers belonging to the participating institutions.
  - 4.1.9. Establishment of a museum based on the research project in the Department of Geography, PU.
  - 4.1.10. Holding national conferences and at least one global conference.
  - 4.1.11. Organising heritage walks in Patna and along the river Ganga.
  - 4.1.12. Identifying sites/monuments for restoration, exploring possible avenues for funding the restoration and working with concerned institutions such as Bihar Heritage Society for restoration.
  - 4.1.13. Exploring possibilities of establishing collaboration with universities in other parts of India and abroad which are engaged in similar research for sharing of existing research and taking up collaborative research, joint publication, exchange of students and faculty, etc.
  - 4.1.14. Organising cultural-literary festival on Patna and Ganga.
  - 4.1.15. Making at least one documentary film based on the research findings of the project.





## 5. Responsibilities of the Participating Institutions – PU and TISS

### 5.1. Patna University

- 5.1.1. PU will provide an office space for the project where the project staff, faculty and students can hold meetings and discussions, student researchers can meet, and for storage of raw archival material, documents, books, artefacts, etc.
- 5.1.2. PU will offer a three-credit choice-based course on the theme of the project, subject to approval by the statutory bodies of PU, and its faculty will be part of the teaching faculty.
- 5.1.3. PU will provide its infrastructural facilities such as conference halls, classrooms free of cost, if needed, for project related activities.
- 5.1.4. Provide access to its library, archive and other academic resources to TISS faculty and project staff.
- 5.1.5. Participate in efforts to mobilise funds for the project
- 5.1.6. Carry out research, publication and other activities as per the project document.

### 5.2 Tata Institute of Social Sciences

- 5.2.1. TISS will actively look for national and international collaboration for the project.
- 5.2.2. TISS will actively participate in teaching of the choice-based credited course related to the project.
- 5.2.3. TISS infrastructure including its library and electronic resources will be available for the faculty and researchers of PU involved in the project.
- 5.2.4. TISS will actively participate in teaching research methodology related courses and will also include nominated students from the participating departments in its mentorship in social science research programme.
- 5.2.5. Will actively participate in digitalisation of archival material and help in building museum on the relationship between Ganga and Patna in PU.
- 5.2.6. Carry out research, publication and other activities as per the project document.

## 6. Funding

- 6.1. PU and TISS pledge to put aside Rs. one lakh and Rs. two lakh respectively as seed money to initiate the project.
- 6.2. A detailed project proposal will be prepared to raise funds for the project. Much of the delivery is conditional upon the ability of both the institutions to mobilise funds from public and private sector sources in India and abroad.

## 7. Implementation of the MoU

- 7.1. A Project Steering Committee will be constituted to lead the project. The Committee will comprise of: a) The Heads of the Departments of English, History and Geography



of PU; and b) Two faculty members to be nominated by the TISS. The Project Steering Committee will hold regular, periodic meetings, finalise the year-wise workplan and key deliverables, and oversee implementation of the workplan. It will also have responsibility to raise funds for the project.

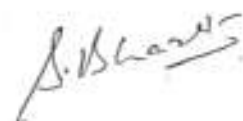
- 7.2. It is understood that all activities under this MoU shall be subject to the acts, regulations, rules, policies and procedures of Patna University and TISS.
- 7.3. PU and TISS may conclude other supplementary agreements for the implementation of this MoU, as appropriate with mutual consultation.
- 7.4. Neither participating institution shall be an agent or representative of the other. Neither institution shall enter into any contract or commitment on behalf of the other and shall be solely responsible for making all payments to and on behalf of its own account, as provided under this MoU or any other agreement between them.
- 7.5. Each participating institution shall be responsible for its acts and omissions in connection with this MoU and its implementation.

#### **8. Use of Name, Emblem, Logo**

- 8.1. Neither institution shall use the name, logo, emblem or trademarks of the other institution, or any its subsidiaries, and/or affiliates, or any abbreviation thereof, without the express prior written approval of the other institution in each case, unless otherwise provided in any supplementary agreement between them.
- 8.2. Both the institutions acknowledge that they are familiar with each other's mandate and objectives and recognise that their name, logo and emblem may not be associated with any sectarian cause or otherwise used in a manner inconsistent with the status, reputation and neutrality of academic institutions.

#### **9. Validity**

- 9.1. The MoU shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of signing. The participating institutions, PU and TISS may extend the validity at their discretion and mutual consent.
- 9.2. This MoU shall remain in force unless terminated by either participating institution after due consultation. Either institution may initiate the termination process of this MoU at least by giving three (3) month's notice to the other.
- 9.3. In the event of termination of this MoU, supplementary agreements, if any, may also be terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in such agreements.
- 9.4. This MoU may be amended only by mutual written agreement of the participating institutions.





## 10. Settlement of Dispute

10.1. Both participating institutions shall use good faith efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of this MoU. Where they wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation shall take place in accordance with the procedure as may be agreed between them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the duly authorized representatives of the Parties affix their signatures below.

For Patna University

Name: Rash Bihari Lal Singh  
Signature: Rash Bihari Lal Singh

Date: 30.09.2018

For Tata Institute of Social Sciences

Name: SHALINI BHARATI  
Signature: A. Khanna

Date: 30.9.2018

  
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Registrar  
Patna University