



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow

And

Association for Advocacy and Legal Initiatives Trust (AALI)

Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow (**hereinafter referred to as KMCLU**) and Association for Advocacy and Legal Initiatives Trust (**hereinafter referred as AALI**) herewith sign a memorandum of understanding on 10/11/2025 which reads as follows:

### PREAMBLE:

The primary Objective of this Memorandum of Understanding between KMCLU and AALI is to create a means of cooperation between the two entities, subject to the terms of this MoU and the laws, regulations, rules and national policies as may be applicable in the duration of the agreement. It shall endeavour to strengthen and promote cooperation between the Parties on the basis of equality, mutual benefit and public good so as to advance women's rights through joint research, education, legal aid, outreach, networking, and policy reform.

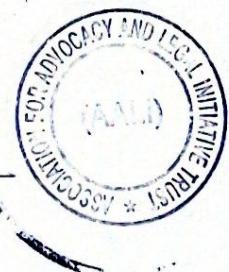
### ARTICLE 1 : INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti Language University, Lucknow (KMCLU, Lucknow)

Whereas KMCLU is a State University established under the Uttar Pradesh Arabi Farsi Universities Act, 2009 (U.P Act No. 12 of 2009). The University aims to achieve excellence in language, research and innovation that supports the students in becoming productive, responsible, ethical, creative and compassionate members of the society.

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### Association for Advocacy and Legal Initiatives Trust (AALI)

WHEREAS AALI Association for Advocacy and Legal Initiatives Trust (AALI) is a feminist organization constituted and led by women. Established in 1998, AALI's ideological framework, rooted in the United Nation's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Organization undertakes research, capacity building, and pro-bono socio-legal support through caseworkers and empanelled lawyers, with a strong focus on violence against women, children, and marginalized communities. AALI believes the law is both, a site for change as well as a powerful tool to ensure gender equality.

Headquartered in Lucknow, AALI has a field presence in 94 districts of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and Uttarakhand. Apart from this, AALI has been providing technical support to various grassroots' leaders across India.

### ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION

- a. To build perspectives and make the youth aware of the issues regarding Gender, Patriarchy, Gender Equality, Constitutional Values, Fundamental Rights, Women related laws, Legal and Financial Literacy and Mental Health etc.
- b. To educate students about the significance of laws and policies related to women's and girl's rights
- c. To promote collaborative action among the youth for collective action and solidarity
- d. To enable youth to become active and responsible citizens who can participate in amplifying voices and actions towards equality, liberty, dignity and its sustainability.
- e. To encourage and develop youth as leaders and role models of the society.
- f. To collaborate and undertake joint initiatives aimed at advancing the goals outlined under SDGs 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, and 17.

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- g. To organize interactive and activity-based workshops which aims to promote peaceful, inclusive, secure, and sustainable societies. These workshops will also include the use of videos, short films, and other multimedia tools to create participatory and engaging learning experiences.
- h. To jointly start and run awareness campaigns addressing crime against women and children and submit collaborative research projects for funding to national and international agencies on relevant subjects, themes or topics on agreed terms and conditions.
- i. To undertake consultancy projects to support specific areas of cooperation. These projects will be guided by the consultancy policy of both the parties.
- j. To offer the undergraduate/postgraduate students of KMCLU internship opportunities.

#### **Specific Legal & Policy Areas of Cooperation :**

S.N.	Framework	Relevance to MoU
1.	<b>Constitutional values</b>	Enshrined in the Constitution of India, they guarantee equality, liberty, dignity, and justice to all citizens; serve as the guiding principles for human rights education.
2.	<b>CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) Principles</b>	Provides an international standard for eliminating discrimination and promoting substantive equality for women.

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3.	<b>Feminist Principles</b>	Offer a lens to challenge patriarchy, promote inclusion, and ensure transformative well-being.
4.	<b>Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005</b>	Addresses domestic violence and provides legal remedies and protection for women.
5.	<b>Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition &amp; Redressal) Act, 2013</b>	Ensures safe and dignified workspaces for women; mandates preventive and redressal mechanisms.
6.	<b>Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023 – Focus on provisions addressing offences against women and children.</b>	Emerging legal framework that redefines offences and justice delivery; important for analyzing its impact on women and marginalized groups.
7.	<b>POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012)</b>	Ensuring protection of children from sexual abuse and exploitation and building awareness on reporting and redressal mechanisms.
8.	<b>SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)</b>	Provide a holistic framework for inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development

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		aligning global commitments with local action.
9.	<b>Other Relevant Law and Policies</b>	To be jointly identified based on evolving needs

### ARTICLE 3: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- This Memorandum of Understanding shall not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other.
- Each Party shall bear its own cost and expenses in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### ARTICLE 4: EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding serves only as a record of the Parties' intentions and does not constitute or create, any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied, under domestic or international law.

### ARTICLE 5: ENTRY INTO EFFECT

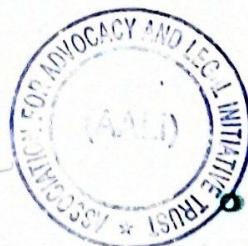
This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective on the date of signatures of both parties, or if the dates vary, then on the date of the later signature.

### ARTICLE 6: CLAIMS AS TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Both Parties undertake that they shall not infringe upon any copyright or intellectual property in exclusive possession of the respective Parties. Both parties shall obtain permission in writing for the usage of any logo, motif, emblem, or any other intellectual property right vested in the respective Parties to be used in connection with the implementation of the present MOU from the respective Party. Each Party is the sole

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owner of such intellectual property. Neither Party may use the other party's intellectual property rights without the prior consent of that Party. Nothing contained in this MoU is intended to, or shall be construed to grant to either party any license or right regarding the other party's Intellectual Property Rights.

#### **ARTICLE 7: PUBLICATIONS**

Both the parties should retain its right to publish research conducted within their laboratories (excluding confidential information) without written permission from the other party.

#### **ARTICLE 8: FORCE MAJEURE**

Both the parties shall have no liability in respect of any delay in carrying out the activities or failure to carry out the activities under this MoU caused due to any acts of the government, or any circumstances outside the reasonable control of the parties hereto.

#### **ARTICLE 9: INDEMNIFICATION**

Each party shall indemnify or keep indemnified the other party for any loss, cost and expenses caused to the other party due to the negligence, mishandling, application of less technical support or for any other reason whatsoever.

#### **ARTICLE 10: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

All disputes and differences concerning the validity, scope, meaning, construction or effect of this Memorandum of Understanding or any dispute or disagreement between the parties hereto as to any matter relating to this memorandum which cannot be settled by mutual discussion shall be settled by arbitration by an arbitrator, appointed by consent of both parties.

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## ARTICLE 11: TERMINATION

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party with a minimum of one month (30 days) written notice. Activities in progress at the time of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be permitted to conclude as planned unless otherwise agreed.

## ARTICLE 12: LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Neither party shall be liable for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages or damages for loss of profits, revenue, data or use, incurred by either party or any third party in connection with this MoU or the subject matter of this MoU, whether in an action in contract or tort or any other legal theory, even if the party has been advised of the possibility of such damage.

## ARTICLE 12: COORDINATORS

All activities conducted under this MoU must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At KMCLU, the coordinators will be **Dr. Diksha Mishra, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Legal Studies** and at AALI the coordinator will be **Ms. Renu Mishra, Executive Director at AALI**. Coordinators shall notify their counterparts in case a new person is named to their position.

This MoU has been executed in two originals, one of which has been retained by the First party and the other by the Second party.

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## ARTICLE 13: SIGNATORIES

Designate Contact for and on behalf of  
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Title- Finance Officer

Legal Entity- Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti  
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Legal Initiatives Trust (AALI)**

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Title – Executive Director

Legal Entity-Association for Advocacy and  
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*Renu Mishra*  
10/11/2025



### Witness

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Vice Chancellor  
KMCLU,Lucknow

2. Dr. Mahesh Kumar  
Registrar  
KMCLU,Lucknow

1. Ms. Fakhrunissa

2. Ms. Mantasha

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