



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

**Telugu Association of North America (TANA)**

&

**Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Andhra Pradesh, India**



### INTRODUCTION:

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU) is being entered into to establish an academic relationship and cooperation in teaching, education and culture between educators and students from North America and Andhra Pradesh, India.

- **First Party:** Telugu Association of North America (TANA) ([www.tana.org](http://www.tana.org)) is the oldest and biggest Indo-American non-profit organization in North America. TANA's mission is to identify and address social, cultural and educational needs of North American Telugu Community in particular and Telugu people in general all over the world. TANA is fully dedicated and committed in offering advanced diplomas with majors in Music (Vocal and / or Instrumental) and Dance (Kuchipudi and/or Bharathanatyam).
- **Second Party:** Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvidyalayam (SPMVV) ([www.spmvv.ac.in](http://www.spmvv.ac.in)) is a state university supported both by the UGC and the AP State Government. The university is imparting education exclusively for the women of today and tomorrow in progressive disciplines like Engineering, Management, Physical & Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law, Social Work, Education, Economics, Women's Studies, Languages, Music, Dance etc. with the help of modern teaching aids and technologies coupled with broad band connectivity and state of the art laboratory for the realization of the founder's dream vision of facilitating and promoting the cause of women's education.

**TANA** and **SPMVV** will collaborate on the basis of reciprocity, with each of the parties responsible for the efficient implementation of the activities defined in the articles below.



**SPOKESPERSONS:**

The following people will serve as Spokespersons and Primary Contacts on behalf of SPMVV and TANA respectively and are authorized to execute this MOU:

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SPMVV and TANA will inform each other of any changes in the positions of TANA President and Chairman – TANA International Educational Affiliation as well as the Dean and Associated Dean of International Relations, SPMVV, in future.

## **ARTICLES:**

### **Article 1: Areas of Interest**

Cooperation between TANA and SPMVV will be in the areas of Music (Vocal and/or Instrumental) and Dance (Kuchipudi and/or Bharatanatyam).

The area of cooperation is open for modification or expansion after mutual discussion and agreement.

### **Article 2: Activities and Cooperation**

The areas of cooperation are as follows:

#### **Faculty Exchange:**

Both TANA and SPMVV may exchange academic faculty and staff for the purposes of teaching, conducting or organizing seminars on topics of mutual interest and collaboration in individual or joint research programs for sharing the knowledge.

The number of faculty members exchanged annually and the specific conditions related to such an exchange will be determined through communication and mutual agreement. Any individual agreement reached will be appended to this agreement.

#### **Academic Programs**

**Courses:** Diploma in Introductory Music/Dance - Level I  
Diploma in Music/Dance - II and III  
Advanced Diploma in Music/Dance - Level IV

**Duration:** Diploma in Introductory Music/Dance– 1 year  
Diploma in Music/Dance - 2 years and  
Advanced Diploma in Music/Dance- 4 years

**Credits:** For Advanced Diploma - 48 credits (Theory) and 48 credits (Practicals/skill) with a maximum of 12 Credits (Theory) and 12 credits (Practicals/skill) per year



**Teaching Hours:** Two hours of theory and two hours of practicals/week

- After successful completion of one year of the Diploma Course i.e. after passing Level I, the student will be given a Diploma in Introductory Music (Vocal and/ or Instrumental) or Dance (Kuchipudi and/or Bharatanatyam).
- After successful completion of two years of the Diploma Course i.e. after passing Level I & II, the student will be given a Diploma in Music (Vocal and/ or Instrumental) or Dance (Kuchipudi and/or Bharatanatyam).
- After successful completion of the four years Advanced Diploma Course i.e. after passing Diploma Level III and IV, students will be given an Advanced Diploma in Music (Vocal or Instrumental) or Dance (Kuchipudi or Bharatanatyam) as the case may be.

**In case a student leaves the course**

Students who have left the course after level 1 and level 2 are free to enroll back into the next level as and when it is convenient to them. They will be awarded the respective certificates based on the level of completion of the course.

**ADMISSION PROCEDURE:**

- Admissions to all certificate programs offered by the University are open to women candidates only.
- Classes for any of the three courses could be taken by any student with any teacher as long as they follow the prescribed syllabus of SPMVV.
- Minimum age prescribed at the time of admission is 10 years. There is no upper age limit for the Music or Dance courses.
- TANA will pay an Affiliation Fee of \$1,000 per year for Music (including both Vocal and Instrumental) and an Affiliation Fee of \$1,000 for Dance (including both Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam) courses. So, TANA's financial responsibility to pay to SPMVV per year is up to \$2,000 in total to cover both Music and Dance courses irrespective of the number of levels of courses and the number of Students enrolled in any particular year. TANA will pay this amount every year on or before October 15.



- Duration of the Level I, II, III & IV courses together will be 4 years on part-time basis
- Every enrolled Student should pay an Admission Fee of \$200/ for each level – I, II, III and IV in Diploma Course in Music (Vocal or Instrumental).
- Every enrolled Student should pay an Admission Fee of \$200/ for each level – I, II, III and IV in Diploma Course in Dance (Kuchipudi and/or Bharatanatyam) even if they take both Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi courses at the same time.
- Exam Fee of \$ 50/ (including transcript Fee of \$ 5/) at the end of each level (I, II, III & IV)
- TANA will determine and collect the approved appropriate fees from the enrolled student for TANA administrative purposes.
- TANA will be responsible for conducting the admissions and inform all details to the SPMVV on completion of the admissions. The scanned copies of student applications including their photos should be sent to the Dean, International Relations of SPMVV. SPMVV will maintain all details; coordinate with the Department of Music and the Examinations section for the conduct of the examinations.
- Admission of candidates in levels II, III & IV will be approved after examining the candidates by SPMVV faculty thru online/ Skype.

#### **Evaluation:**

1. Examinations will be conducted at the end of each year and TANA will be responsible for the conduct of these exams while the SPMVV faculty will facilitate the process by setting the question papers for each level.
2. The list of examiners will be selected based on their qualification by Board of Studies of Music department of SPMVV. The list of prospective examiners along with their qualifications (Scanned copies of their certificates & degrees) has to be emailed by TANA to Dean, International relations SPMVV.
3. The faculty of the SPMVV will conduct the final exams including the practical examinations at the end of the fourth year. When TANA is ready to conduct the final exams for Level IV, the SPMVV faculty will visit USA to review and qualify students to graduate.



4. TANA shall bear the airfare expenses (coach class), local hosting and official travel expenses of maximum two faculty examiners - one for Music and one for the Dance Courses.
5. Convocation will be organized by TANA for the awarding of the Diploma Certificates issued jointly by SPMVV and TANA. TANA may invite one dignitary from SPMVV and TANA shall bear the airfare expenses (coach class), local hosting and official travel expenses.
6. The minimum percentage of marks to pass a course is 45% (D grade)
7. Candidates who secure 70% or more marks in aggregate will be declared as passing with "Distinction" (O grade).

**Signed at:**

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