MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH (UOL))

and

MUNSHI AZIZ BHAT MUSEUM OF CENTRAL ASIAN & KARGIL TRADE ARTEFACTS

Objective:

The University of Ladakh and Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum (managed by Kargil Social & Cultural Organization KASCO), Kargil, Ladakh, while recognizing the mutual interest towards preservation and promotion of Himalayan & Trans-Himalayan cultural heritage, do hereby agree to enter into a collaboration in accordance with the terms & conditions set out in articles in the following paragraph:

Terms and Conditions:-

- i) The University of Ladakh shall provide expert academic and conceptual assistance to projects of mutual interest of Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian & Kargil Trade Artefacts, Kargil, Ladakh;
- ii) The University of Ladakh shall have no claim over the art and artefact collections of Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian & Kargil Trade Artefacts, Kargil;
- iii) The University of Ladakh will consider providing expert academic assistance and arranging financial support to design and publish a catalogue of the rare artefact collections of the Museum;
- iv) The University of Ladakh shall make efforts at seeking support of specialized expertise from national and international institutions to scientifically date and preserve the artefact collection in possession of the Museum in future;
- v) The University of Ladakh shall make efforts to seek funds from various governmental and non-governmental organizations for carrying out various research, development, education, training and disseminating knowledge activities on long term basis with an aim to preserve and promote Himalayan/Trans-Himalayan cultural heritage; and
- vi) The Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian & Kargil Trade Artefacts, Kargil shall allow access to students, scholars and faculty members of the University of Ladakh without entry fees in connection with their research works.

This MOU shall come into force upon affixing signatures of the representatives of the two partner institutions and shall remain effective for five (5) years with effect from the date of its signing.

If either partner institution wishes to continue with the collaboration beyond five (5) years, a fresh proposal shall be submitted for mutual consent; and either of the institutions may notify the other for doing so not less than six (6) months prior to the expiry of the MOU.

This MOU and the actions taken under it may be reviewed at any time. Modifications, if any, shall be made by mutual agreement and any amendment to or extension/cessation of the MOU shall be formalised by the exchange of letters between the two institutions.

Either party may terminate the MoU, or a part thereof, any time during the term of five (5) years by giving a three-month notice to the other party.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be effective from 03.09.2021 to 03.09.2026

SIGNATURES:

On behalf of University of Ladakh

(Registrar,

University of Ladakh)

Place: Kargil

Date: 03.09.2021

Witness:

University of Lakeleh

On behalf Munshi Aziz Bhat Museum of Central Asian & Kargil Trade Artefacts, Kargil, Ladakh;

(Head of Outreach, Munshi Aziz Bhat

Museum of Central Asian & Kargil Trade Artefacts, Kargil)

Place: Kargil Date: 03.09.2021

Witness:

TAFAZZUL HUSSAIN S/O ABDUL AZIZ HO LANKORE