

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



University of Ladakh

and

Himalayan Aryan Heritage Labdak Museum Garkone:

A Museum of an ethnic cultural heritage

Preamble:

1. **The University of Ladakh**, a unique and pioneering institution, was established in 2019. It is the only trans-Himalayan Institute of Higher Learning and Research, headquartered in Leh. The university, with its campuses in Leh, Kargil, Stakna, Kurbathang and six-degree colleges as constituent colleges, offers a range of core and applied academic programs. It caters to students from various schools and colleges over more than fifty thousand square kilometres of the vast Ladakh region. The University's commitment to research is evident in its Ph.D. program. Programs in various domains. Our mission is to allow students to reflect on life and realise their potential through higher education. We are confident that this University will play a significant role in transforming our country and our region in the coming years. Through our educational, research, and social contributions, we will shape the future of our society. This confidence in our programs and belief in the public goodwill motivate us to work tirelessly and decisively. (hereinafter referred to as "UoL")
2. **The Himalayan Aryan Heritage Labdak Museum Garkone**, a testament to our rich history, is an initiative to preserve Aryan culture and educational society. Registered under the **Registration of Societies Act VI of 1998 (1941 A.D.)**, the museum was inaugurated in the village Garkon Kargil UT Ladakh by the former Hon'ble Minister of State, Shri. Kiran Rijuji, along with former Member of Parliament Ladakh Shri. Tupstan Chewang. It was the first Museum in the Aryan Valley of Village Garkon, established to preserve and promote the region's rich cultural heritage and traditions. The museum, housed in a heritage house of the Golpa family, which was 150 years old, was converted into a museum by the entire family members along with the Local Society. The Museum has a few galleries of kitchens, agricultural tools, dresses, and an auspicious stone of Guru Padmasambhava with old thankas. The Origin of the Dards can be traced back to the Gilgit settled down on the bank of the river Indus. The Bongaist-Buddhist practicing Dard- Aryan Villages are Darchik, Garkon, Dha and Hanu. This museum is an effort to preserve the centuries-old legacy of this ancient tribe, which is geographically isolated and resides on the bank of the river Indus. (hereinafter referred to as "HAHLMG")

3. Objectives:

- a) UoL and HAMLMG may jointly work to build data repositories, which have the potential to significantly impact the preservation of tribals' intangible cultural heritage and the formulation of policies and strategies to address issues.
- b) UoL and HAMLMG agree to collaborate on research projects and explore ways to publish such research outcomes as joint publications in the form of books, journals, reports, booklets, policy documents, etc. Formulating and submitting new research project proposals will follow a clear and agreed-upon process, ensuring transparency and understanding.
- c) UoL & HAMLMG agree to provide a platform to interdisciplinary scholars, researchers, professionals, and students for an exchange of knowledge and sharing of innovative ideas for human resource development;
- d) The resources available at UoL & HAMLMG can be accessed mutually through a proper procedure, which will be detailed in a separate document or agreement to avoid any potential misunderstandings.

4. Intellectual Property

No Party to this Memorandum shall use the name, logo, or any other designation of any other Party for any purpose without the prior permission/consent in writing.

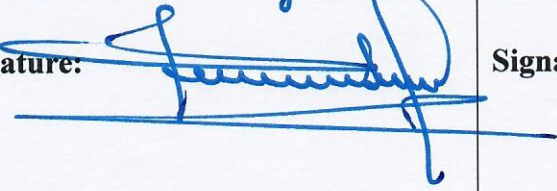

5. Tenure and Termination of MoU:


- a) This MoU shall be effective from the date of its approval by both UoL & HAMLMG. Initially, the MoU is valid for three (3) years and may be extended as mutually agreed upon, in writing, by the UoL & HAMLMG.
- b) Either party can withdraw from the MoU by giving six months' prior written notice. Once terminated, neither Party will be responsible for any financial or other losses the other Party may suffer. However, UoL and HAMLMG will ensure that all activities in progress can be completed successfully.


6. Arbitration:

Any issues not addressed in the MoU shall be discussed and resolved through negotiations, and any changes from that place will be incorporated as written Amendments to the MoU by mutual agreement between UoL and HAML MG.

Both Parties now reaffirm their commitment to the preceding terms and conditions and have signed this MoU on the 11th of October 2024.

On behalf of the University of Ladakh	On behalf of the Himalayan Aryan Heritage Labdak Museum
Name: Nawang Tenzin Designation: Hc Registrar Signature: 	Name: TASHI LUNDUP Designation: CURATOR Signature: 

Witness 1: 
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