

## **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

### **Between Praja Foundation and Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between Praja Foundation, hereinafter referred to as "Praja," having its office at B18, 2nd Floor, Shri Ram Industrial Estate, 13, G.D Ambekar Marg, Next to Wadala Udyog Bhawan, Wadala, Mumbai-400031 and Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the "College," located at Relief Road, Juhu, Santacruz (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400054.

**WHEREAS**, Praja is a, non-partisan organisation working towards enabling accountable governance since 1997. Praja undertakes data driven research for identifying capacities in urban governance, map inefficiencies in their work processes and identify best practices. It then provides this information to urban governance stakeholders including elected representatives, administration, citizens, media and academia; and works with leadership amongst its stakeholders to identify and address inefficiencies in building their capacities to improve work processes in urban governance.

**WHEREAS**, Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce, affiliated to the University of Mumbai is a premier educational institute situated in the heart of Mumbai's suburbs, Santacruz (West). It is a Gujarati-speaking linguistic minority institution offering quality-oriented education from higher secondary to doctoral programme.

**WHEREAS**, Praja and Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce recognizing the need of exposure to youths and students in urban governance, have decided to cooperate and collaborate on the below mentioned activities, and have entered into this Memorandum of Understanding in a spirit of trust and cooperation.

#### **Article I: Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a collaborative partnership between Praja Foundation and Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce to promote good governance, civic awareness, and democratic participation among students and youths through various educational and experiential activities.

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## **Article II: Scope of Collaboration**

The collaboration between Praja Foundation and Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce will encompass the following activities:

### **a) Workshops on Governance Issues:**

Praja will conduct workshops for students and youths on the following governance topics with the tentative timeline as follows:

| Workshop Topic   | Tentative Date            |
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| Three tiers of Governance in India and City Governance | Month of December         |
| Status of Urban governance in India                    | Month of December         |
| Right to Information Act, 2005                         | Month of December-January |
| Constitution and Citizens                              | Month of January          |

There will be activities after every workshops, and after successful completion of all the four workshops and related activities, the students will be provided with the Certificate of Completion.

### **b) Exposure Visits:**

Praja will facilitate exposure visits for students to the following institutions like Vidhan Bhavan, Municipal Corporation Ward Offices Visit, Sessions Courts visit & Police Stations visit.

### **c) Internship & Research Internship:**

Praja will offer opportunities for students and youths to participate in the organization's processes and foster democratic engagement. The internship opportunities include full-time one-month physical internship at Praja Office, part-time two months physical internship at Praja Office and three months Research Internship.

### **d) Prajatantra 2023:**

Prajatantra 2023 is the fifth edition of India's premier youth festival celebrating democracy. Co-organised by the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) & Praja Foundation with support from UN-Habitat & Friedrich Nauman Foundation South Asia. Prajatantra 2023 is celebrating the economic importance of our cities through this year's theme; 'Inclusive and Participatory Urban Economies'



**The Proposed Timeline of Prajatantra 2023:**

- Qualifying Round (Online): 1st to 3rd September 2023
- Semi Finale (Online): 16th and 17th September 2023
- Grand Finale (in-person Ceremony in Delhi): 30th October, to 1st November 2023.

The college will participate in the event with one team of talented students.

Mr. Anjan Chheda, student of the college will be part of the organising team of Prajatantra 2023.

**Article III: Terms and Conditions**

- The collaboration will be valid for a period from July, 2023 to June, 2024 unless extended or terminated by mutual consent.
- Both parties agree to cooperate and contribute resources as necessary to achieve the objectives outlined in this MOU.
- Any confidential information shared between the parties during the collaboration shall be treated as confidential and not disclosed to third parties without prior consent.
- Both parties will appoint a **point of contact** to facilitate effective communication and coordination between them.

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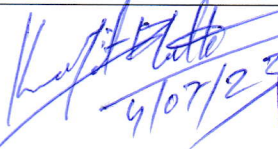

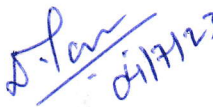
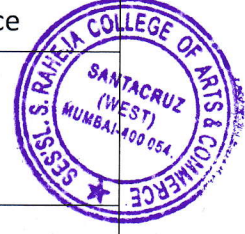
- This MOU does not constitute a legally binding contract or partnership between the parties. However, it represents the intent of both parties to collaborate in the areas outlined above.

**Article IV: Termination**

- a) Either party may terminate this MOU by providing written notice to the other party at least one month in advance. Upon termination, both parties will work to conclude any ongoing activities and share necessary information or materials.

This MOU represents the understanding and agreement between Praja Foundation and Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce. By signing below, both parties acknowledge their commitment to the collaboration outlined in this document.

On 4th July, 2023 at Mumbai, Maharashtra.

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| For Praja Foundation  | For Sadhana Education Society's L. S. Raheja College of Arts & Commerce   |
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