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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding made on the 26th Day of the month of May of the year 2023.

BETWEEN

NIT Calicut, Kozhikode (Department of Architecture and Planning) with head office located at NIT Campus post, PIN 673601, Kozhikode district, Kerala, hereinafter referred to as the FIRST PARTY, which expression shall mean and include its representatives, successors and assigns

AND

Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) with head office located at Mulamkunnathukavu, Thrissur, Kerala, 680581, herein referred to as SECOND PARTY, which expression shall mean and include its representatives, successors and assigns

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HEREBY WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, NIT Calicut, (Department of Architecture and Planning), is one of the 31 institutions of national importance set up by an Act of Parliament namely the 'National Institute of technology Act 2007', and is fully funded by the Government of India intended to provide higher technical education and conduct research in the various branches of Engineering, Science, Technology and Management.

WHEREAS, KILA is an autonomous institution functioning for the Local governments in Kerala. It was registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955. Ever since its inception in 1990, KILA has been engaged in myriad of capacity building interventions on local governance and decentralization; including training, action-research, publications, seminars and workshops, consultancy, documentation, handholding and information services. KILA has the mandate of facilitating and accelerating the socio-economic development of the state through strengthening the Local Self Government Institutions (LSGIs).

WHEREAS representatives of both the above organizations met and discussed areas of mutual interest and benefit and expressed a desire to exchange and collaborate,

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THEREFORE, NOW HEREBY, THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITNESSEETH AS FOLLOWS:

- a) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall exchange and share knowledge, papers and reports, wherever feasible, on various aspects of urban planning, public policy and allied areas.
- b) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall design and conduct, wherever feasible, various academic, research, training and capacity development programmes of varying duration including that for elected representatives/officers in the Urban Local Governments and associated agencies.
- c) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall conduct training programmes to enhance the overall capacity of the Local bodies, its staffs and the people in various domains and particularly in Creative Economy and Local Governance.
- d) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall collaborate to promote innovations in planning institutions and Urban Local Governments.
- e) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall jointly work, where ever feasible, on teaching, research, Masters & PhD thesis Guidance as well as on consultancy projects.
- f) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall permit, where ever feasible, mutual exchange of faculty and students for various educational assignments including sharing faculty resource for studio Jury and conducting training sessions etc.
- g) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall develop joint planning/design education initiatives required for strengthening the democratic engagement in urban/regional planning/sustainable development. In this regard, both the institutions shall establish an Annual Citizen's Planning School till 2030.
- h) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall jointly adopt a city/region within Kerala to study its planning and governance needs till 2030 and formulate strategies for spatial development and capacity building.
- i) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut shall share the academic and research outputs/publications by the faculty members and students pertaining to urban issues in Kerala for inclusion into KILA's Urban Research Repository (Subjected to Copy right limitations, put by the publishers).

j) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut and KILA shall collaborate to develop and institutionalize an Annual Kerala Urban

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Research Conclave as a platform for academic, research and student community who are intellectually engaged with the dynamics of urban sector in Kerala.

- k) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut shall be an institutional partner of the Biennial Kerala Urban Forum organized by Kochi Municipal Corporation in partnership with KILA.
- I) THAT Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut shall be an institutional partner for the Joint studio programmes with other partner Institutions of KILA like NID Ahmedabad, CEPT Ahmedabad, SPA Delhi, SPA Vijayawada, SPA Bhopal or any other national/international Planning/Design Schools.
- m) THAT this MoU does not envisage any financial commitment from either of the parties who are signatory to this Memorandum and if there are any financial commitments, they shall be deliberated, decided upon and agreed to, as and when the need arises, through separate agreements, as and when required.
- n) THAT both parties may undertake any such activity which is of mutual interest to the parties concerned and in tune with the policies of the governments in the interest of the development of human habitat and built environment,
- o) THAT this MoU is entirely voluntary in nature from both parties, shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing and can be modified and/or extended, on mutual consent, by giving a notice of three months on either side and terminated by either party, without according any reason, by giving a notice of three months on either side.
- p) THAT it is proposed to conduct at least one review meeting on the progress of the developments of the MoU every 6 months in a year, so as to expedite the process and continue in doing things as jointly agreed upon. Accordingly, both the parties will maintain ongoing communication and circulate essential information in a timely manner.
- q) THAT, All the works initiated or delivered by/to the National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC) shall be done through the Director, National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC), and will be coordinated by Chairperson, Centre for Industry Institutional Relations (CIIR) along with the with Head, Department of Architecture and Planning, NIT Calicut.
- r) THAT, All the works initiated or delivered by/to the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA) shall be done through the Director General KILA, and will be coordinated by Urban Chair Professor, KILA

s) The financial requirement for the works and projects proposed under this MoU shall be sought from external sources as much as possible. If required, either or both of the Institutes (NIT Calicut or KILA) can use their

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own resources for the activities, subjected to the final approval and consensus form the respective Directors of the institute.

t) Dr. Mohammed Firoz, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, NIT Calicut and Prof. Dr. Ajith Kaliyath, Urban Chair Professor, KILA will be the Nodal Officers from NIT Calicut and KILA respectively.

IN AGREEMENT AND WITNESS THEREOF, both the above-mentioned parties hereby affix their signature and seal hereunder:

Name: Cdr (Dr) Shamasundara M S

Designation: Registrar, NIT Calicut

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Designation: Director General, KILA

Name: Dr. Joy Elamon