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With a view to instituting "RTI Running Shield" in the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack for organizing Annual Inter-University Debate Competition, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is signed between the Orissa Information Commission, Bhubaneswar (herein referred to as the State Commission) and the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack on this 18th day of April, 2007 at Bhubaneswar.

1. Objective of the RTI Running Shield

To organise Inter-University Debate Competition in English on any significant topic among the students of various Graduate and Post Graduate faculties of different Universities of the State of Orissa every financial year with a view to enhancing awareness about Right to Information.

2. Organisation

- a. The Ravenshaw University, Cuttack will organise the Debate competition once every financial year, as far as practicable in the month of November, which is observed as the "RTI Month". Participants adjudged First, Second and Third, by the Jury, will be awarded cash prize of Rs. 5000/-, Rs.3000/- and Rs. 2000/- respectively alongwith certificates of merit by the Ravenshaw University. The Best Debator will also be awarded "RTI Running Shield" donated by the State Commission, Bhubaneswar.



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- b. The Jury should consist of three eminent persons selected from amongst the educationists, opinion leaders and distinguished persons to evaluate the performance of the competitors and each of them will be paid honorarium @ Rs. 1000/- per each sitting.

3. Provision of funds

The State Commission will sanction a sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) in favour of Ravenshaw University, Cuttack by way of an Account Payee Bank Draft payable at Cuttack, which will be deposited in a separate Account in Post Office or in any Nationalized Bank. The expenditure for conducting such Debate Competition annually shall be met out of the interest accrued from the fixed deposit amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only).

4. Responsibilities of Ravenshaw University

- a. Will organise the Debate Competition as enumerated in paragraph 2.
- b. Take all initiatives to organise the Debate Competition like fixation of calendar, intimation to Universities, selection of Jury, declaration of the results of the competition etc.
- c. Receive the above endowed amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) from the State Commission and deposit the same by opening an account either in the post office or in any Nationalized Bank under offering the best interest rate.
- d. Shall not withdraw the endowed amount without the sanction of the State Commission. The interest amount accrued can be withdrawn for the purpose indicated without any clearance of the State Commission.



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- e. Organise the Debate Competition out of the interest money that shall accrue on the above endowed sum. The Ravenshaw University would be at liberty to contribute it's own funds for this purpose to meet any shortfall.
- f. Maintain separate account of this Grant and expenditure thereof.
- g. Preserve the Running Shield by collecting the same from the Awardee within 60 days of its award.
- h. Furnish Annual Report to the State Commission by 1st week of December every year.
- i. Abide by such other decisions as would be mutually agreed to by the State Commission and the Ravenshaw University.

5. Responsibilities of the State Commission.

- a. Release one time grant of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakh only) by way of an Account payee Bank Draft payable at Cuttack in favour of the Ravenshaw University, Cuttack towards creation of an endowment for the Inter-University Debate Competition,
- b. Donate "RTI Running Shield" in favour of Ravenshaw University to be awarded every financial year to the Best Debator.

6. General

- a. Disagreement, if any, in the matter will be settled through bilateral discussions between the Hon'ble State Chief Information Commissioner, Orissa and the Vice Chancellor, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack.
- b. The Accounts on this score shall be got audited annually by the University through a Chartered Accountant and the copy of the audit report shall be submitted to the State Commission.



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c. The State Commission reserves the right to determine / cancel the MoU and withdraw the endowed amount alongwith the balance interest credited, in the event of violation of any of the above terms of the MoU by the Ravenshaw University.

On behalf of
Ravenshaw University
Cuttack.

On behalf of
Orissa Information Commission
Bhubaneswar.

Sahjanku Mishra
(Dr. S. Mishra) ^{18/4/07}
Registrar,
Ravenshaw University

[Signature]
(Sri A.K. Sahu, IAS)
Secretary,
Orissa Information Commission

Bhubaneswar,
April 18, 2007.