## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THARUNI has been established on February 15, 2000, by Dr. Mamatha Raghuveer and Dr. P. Hemalatha Devi with an objective to empower the women and adolescent girls. Tharuni's Vision is to build a 'society where adolescent girls and women are self-reliant and are equal partners' and Mission is 'to work for the all-round development of adolescent girls and women by providing education, health care and skills for employment'.

Tharuni continuously strives to bring awareness and give motivation to the women and adolescent girls in rural areas through workshops, health awareness camps, cultural events, anti-social evils campaigns and counseling centers. Tharuni takes up intensive campaigns against social evils like Child Marriages, Child Labour, Infanticide, Gutka consumption, HIV/AIDS, etc. Advocacy on these issues at various levels to focus the gaps in Policies, Legislations and Schemes run by Government.

Tharuni has a special News Letter for women & girls. It has so many useful articles for girls like Legislations related to Children and Women, Inspiring Articles related to women and girl achievers, Nutritive Recipes, Beauty tips, Tharuni Activities and special articles focusing every time one burning issue related to girls and women.

Tharuni runs a special SMS based Help-line (9000243000) for women & girls. Any query can be asked by the girl / woman related to their health, Education, Life – relationships, Love affairs, Career, Legal guidance, etc. The SMS will reach the concerned expert and the expert will answer the query.

Tharuni runs Resource Centers in Villages for Adolescent Girls in collaboration with an IT company — Hexagon under its CSR initiative. In these centres' girls are being trained in Soft Skills like Spoken English, Basics of Computers, Life Skills and Health Education.

Tharuni Founders and Volunteers have been Resource Persons on various issues related to women and girls to sensitize the students and faculty of Government Degree Colleges. We would like to continue our association with Government Degree Colleges, to give inputs for the capacity building of the students in Vivekananda Government Degree College, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad collaborating with its ICC and WEC. Students can also get a free copy of our News Letters, books and materials and utilize SMS Helpline – Tharunopayam to solve their problems.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed today, the <u>7th</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2019</u> by Dr Mamatha Raghuveer, Director, on behalf of <u>Tharuni</u> and <u>Dr. S Srinivas Rao</u>, Principal, on behalf of <u>Vivekananda</u> <u>Government Degree College</u>, <u>Vidyanagar</u>, <u>Hyderabad</u>.

Signature

Director

THARUNI Hyderabad Anita Abraham

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