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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR, SRINAGAR

NAAC ACCREDITED GRADE A*

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Notes

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Ref: Communication received from Manoj Pant, Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony.

The Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony has sought collaboration of the University of Kashmir to take up activities for promotion of Unity, Peace and harmony through educational, cultural and social activities (Detailed letter enclosed)

The undersigned had a discussion with the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor on 01-10-2021 with regard to the above referred communication received from Sh. Manoj Pant, Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony. After a thorough discussion, following was resolved:

- The activity Communal Harmony Campaign Week and Flag Day (S.No.1) will be carried out by the NSS in the coming month i.e. November 2021.
- The Dean Research will issue a notification for inviting Research proposals having strong relevance to promotion of communal harmony and strengthening of national integration from the mid-level faculty members of the departments falling under the School of Social Sciences with a fixed time line for onward submission to National Foundation for Communal Harmony for consideration.(S.No 2).
- For making optimum use of the library facility of the National Foundation for Communal Harmony (S.No.03) the Allama Iqbal Library will coordinate with the Foundation.
- For conduct of Social audit of Project 'Assist' (S.No.4) the Department of Social Work will coordinate with the National Foundation for Communal Harmony and will work out the modalities for conduct of an effective social audit of the project 'Assist'.

The above mentioned resolutions may kindly be authorized and the necessary orders may be issued to the concerned departments.

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Head, Department of Social Work

Honourable, Vice Chancellor

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNAL HARMONY

(एक स्वायत्त संस्था के तहत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त विभाग)
(An autonomous organization under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India)

Manoj Pant
Secretary

D.O.No.9/Secy/NFCH-2021
29th September, 2021

Dear Dr. Ahmad,

This is in reference to our meeting on 22.09.2021 at University Campus Srinagar. I am grateful for your valuable time despite your busy schedule.

National Foundation for Communal Harmony (NFCH), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has been actively promoting the cause of communal harmony, unity and peace across the country since 1992. The Foundation provides financial assistance to children of violence affected families for their rehabilitation and education. The Foundation also takes up educational, cultural, academic and social activities in collaboration with various partners for promotion of unity, peace and harmony. Major partners of the Foundation include Central/State Governments, educational institutions like universities, colleges, schools and professional institutes, public sector undertakings, autonomous organizations, non-governmental organizations, etc. The Foundation does not receive regular financial assistance from the Government and meets all its expenses out of donations received and interest on corpus fund.

As discussed, the Foundation in collaboration with University of Kashmir proposes to take up activities for promotion of unity, peace and harmony within and outside Kashmir Valley through educational, cultural and social activities. Some of the activities are proposed as under :

i) Communal Harmony Campaign Week and Flag Day.

The Foundation observes 'Communal Harmony Campaign Week' from 19 to 25 November every year and the last working day of the Week is observed as the Flag Day of the Foundation. Publicity materials are sent to more than 1,22,000 partner institutions for carrying out activities for promotion of unity, peace and harmony and the 'Flag Day' is observed for collection of donations from individuals / organizations voluntarily which is remitted to the accounts of the Foundation either directly or through Cheques / Demand Drafts in the name of Secretary, National Foundation for Communal Harmony payable at New Delhi. All donations to the Foundation are fully exempted from Income Tax under section 80(G)(2)(iii)(e) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

ii) Research in the field of promoting Unity, Peace and Harmony.

Proposals for study/research are considered from universities, research organizations, schools of social work, autonomous organizations, renowned institutions working in the field, individuals, etc. for participatory and action-oriented research and other studies having strong relevance to promotion of communal harmony and strengthening of national integration. The Foundation will be happy to support such proposals from University of Kashmir.

The Foundation also has an established library containing more than 3300 books, journals and reports on the subject of communal harmony and national integration. The literature available in the library is consulted by professionals/scholars/students from time to time. Details about books and journals are available in the library and also on the website of the Foundation <https://nfchlibrary.nic.in>

iii) Social audit of Project 'Assist'.

Under Project 'Assist', financial assistance is provided to children who become orphan or destitute due to death or permanent incapacitation of either both the parents or the main bread earner in the family in communal and other forms of societal violence. Children whose family income is upto Rupees two lakh per annum are eligible for assistance. Each identified child is provided financial assistance @ Rs.1,250 per month upto class XII; Rs.1,500 per month for the students doing graduation / post graduation and Rs.1,750 per month to students of professional courses (like medical, engineering and management), without any restriction on the number of children in a family. The assistance is provided till the child attains the age of 25 years.

Proposals of eligible children, either fresh or for renewal, are received through district administration. These proposals are examined and processed by the Foundation. Thereafter, the assistance for the children is released, in most cases, directly into their bank accounts through DBT.

A total of 13814 children have been benefitted under Project 'Assist' by the Foundation from 1992-93 to 2020-21 and an amount of Rs. 94.59 crore has been disbursed for their education and rehabilitation. The Project has so far covered 164 districts in 24 States / Union Territories. In Jammu & Kashmir, 6664 children have been covered under Project 'Assist' in 20 districts till 31.03.2021. Presently, 1771 children are eligible for assistance under Project 'Assist' in 10 districts of Kashmir Valley. The district-wise number of children benefitted from the Project and the children eligible for assistance as on date is enclosed as Annexure I.

The Foundation intends to carry out a ground level evaluation study of Project 'Assist' in 3 or 4 sample districts of Kashmir Valley to assess the effectiveness and impact of Project 'Assist' on the lives of these children. The evaluation study would help us in having an objective assessment of the impact of Project 'Assist' in Kashmir Valley and would suggest measures for further improvement.

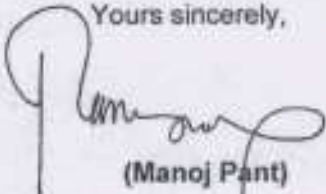
I shall very much appreciate if University of Kashmir helps us in carrying out the evaluation study of Project 'Assist' in 3-4 districts of Kashmir Valley through the Department of Social Science. The Foundation would be happy to provide financial assistance for the evaluation study. Shri Ravi Shankar Tripathi, DDO, NFCH (Mobile No.09868276997) shall coordinate on behalf of the Foundation. Shri Sourabh Kishor Dubey, Assistant Secretary (Mobile No.08802061002) will coordinate for other activities.

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Looking forward to a purposeful collaboration with Kashmir University for promoting the cause of unity, peace and harmony in the country,

Regards

Yours sincerely,


(Manoj Pant)

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