

## Partnership Agreement

between



The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Mahatma Gandhi  
Institute of Education for peace and Sustainable Development  
Located at 35 Ferozshah Road, ICSSR Building, First Floor, New Delhi 1100001, India

represented by  
Dr Anantha Duraiappah  
Director

hereinafter referred to as "UNESCO MGIEP"

and



Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad  
Located at  
Senate Hall Campus, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh 211002  
hereinafter referred to as "the Partner"

represented by  
UNESCO and the CBCS, UoA together hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"

## **Preamble**

**Whereas** UNESCO MGIEP is seeking to mobilise partners for the achievement of its strategic goals and programme priorities, specifically for its Research and Development Projects that include conducting joint research on building SEL skills in children using digital pedagogies including games for education.

**Whereas** UNESCO MGIEP has established itself as a global reference point for Social and Emotional Learning and SDG 4.7 through its research work to mainstream SEL in education systems through the design of science and evidence based innovative digital pedagogies.

**Whereas** The Centre of Behavioural and Cognitive Sciences (CBCS) at University of Allahabad supports the objectives of UNESCO MGIEP as stipulated in its and intends to contribute to UNESCO's programme priorities;

**Whereas** The CBCS was set up in 2002 to offer postgraduate degree programs and conduct research in areas that include, attention, meditation, time perception, emotion, cognitive control, cognitive development, language and cognition, bilingualism, ageing, decision making, bilingualism using methodologies such as behavioural experimentation, EEG/ERP, eye movements, computational modelling and fMRI for research and teaching as one of the premier centres for Cognitive Science in India

Now therefore, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

### **Article 1 – Objectives**

By the present Agreement the parties determine the conditions and modalities according to which:

- 1.1 They will conduct joint research on building SEL skills in children using digital pedagogies to build SEL skills including games and game based courses.
- 1.2 They will conduct studies using behavioural experimentation and EEG/ERP or fMRI to assess the effect of SEL interventions on learning and social-emotional competence
- 1.2 They will collaborate in capacity building of SEL competencies in K-12 and youth through digital courses

### **Article 2 – Joint Projects**

When individual projects are identified and approved, for each project, the parties will sign a binding agreement, hereinafter referred to as "Project agreement", which will be contained within the framework of this Agreement, and which will define the rights and obligations of the parties.

### Article 3 – Obligations/Responsibilities of UNESCO MGIEP

- 3.1 UNESCO MGIEP agrees to execute the terms of the present Agreement as per Article 2.
- 3.2 UNESCO MGIEP will provide the curriculum for SEL training to K-12, youth and teachers through its digital courses and games based courses on its learning experiences and analytics platform
- 3.3 UNESCO MGIEP agrees to execute each project in accordance with the corresponding Project Agreement and its related budget.
- 3.4 UNESCO MGIEP will inform the Partner of UNESCO MGIEP events or projects to which the Partner could be potentially associated towards advancing the respective goals of the Parties in this Agreement.

### Article 4 - Obligations/Responsibilities of the CBCS

- 4.1 The CBCS's obligations, for each project, will be defined within the project agreements.
- 4.2 The Partner agrees to conduct empirical research (including validation or mechanism based studies) on digital game based interventions and courses on SEL in collaboration with UNESCO MGIEP.
- 4.3 The Partner agrees to conduct studies on game based interventions on SEL using behavioural experimentation, EEG/ERP or fMRI at CBCS as per the objectives of the investigation.
- 4.4 Funding for the collaborative studies shall be arranged through grants from National agencies like DST or others.
- 4.5 The Partner will inform UNESCO MGIEP events or projects to which the Partner could be potentially associated towards advancing the respective goals of the Parties in this Agreement

### Article 5 – Media activities

- 5.1 The projects, their conception, their implementation, their development, their impact and their outcome will necessitate informational and promotional activities at the initiative of - and on the part of- the parties, separately or jointly.
- 5.2 Each party is authorized to use the name, the logo and any element of the other's identity, through the use of citations, references to, reproductions, representations on the occasion of the promotion of projects, of public relations operations, of interviews, of relations with the media (press files, articles, releases etc.) throughout the world. This use, which must adhere to the image of the concerned party, must receive the

prior and written consent by UNESCO MGIEP when it relates to information activities external to the Partner.

- 5.3 The media and information support (films, photographic pictures, etc.), as well as all the rights related to them, will belong exclusively to the Party who makes and finances them. They can only be used by the other Party after the latter obtains the prior consent of the proprietary party. Notwithstanding that, the proprietary party can refuse to authorize their use if the rights given up (copyright, trademark) do not cover the foreseen exploitations.

#### Article 6 – General Conditions

- 6.1 Use of the Name, Emblem or Official Seal of UNESCO MGIEP

Unless authorized in writing by UNESCO MGIEP or University of Allahabad, none of the Parties shall use the name, acronym or official logo of UNESCO MGIEP/University of Allahabad, or any abbreviation of the name of UNESCO MGIEP/University of Allahabad, for advertising or any other purposes.

- 6.2 Status of UNESCO

Supporting the objectives of UNESCO and of the United Nations Organization, the Partner will respect the status of UNESCO as an intergovernmental organization of the United Nations system with its own distinct Constitution. The Partner confirms that it is not directly involved in the production of goods or the delivery of services, which would be opposed to the objectives and principles of UNESCO, the United Nations Organization or other institutions of the United Nations system.

- 6.3 Status of the Partner

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as establishing a legal partnership (such as, by way of clarification, partnership liability), joint venture, agency, exclusive arrangement or other similar relationship. Neither the Partner nor anyone whom it may employ shall be considered as an agent of UNESCO or a member of the staff of UNESCO and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall not be entitled to any privileges, immunities, compensation or reimbursements, nor shall be authorized to commit UNESCO MGIEP to any expenditure or other obligations.

- 6.4 Conformity with Laws

The Partner agrees to respect the laws of the country it is operating in and guarantees that it will not permit any official of UNESCO MGIEP to receive a direct or indirect profit from this Agreement. Furthermore, The Partner certifies and warrants that it has not, nor have its members, been convicted of any crimes and that there are currently no lawsuits or legal actions being taken against it. Should this happen, The Partner undertakes to notify UNESCO MGIEP immediately.

- 6.5 Privileges and Immunities of UNESCO

Nothing in or relating to the present Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of UNESCO. The Partner shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify UNESCO against all lawsuits, claims, costs and liabilities resulting from any intellectual property disputes or other disputes occurring under the present Agreement and which arise out of acts or omissions of The Partner.

#### 6.6 Assignment

None of the Parties shall assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of the present Agreement or any part thereof or of any of their rights, claims or obligations under the present Agreement except with the prior written approval of the other Parties. Any of the aforementioned actions taken without such written approval shall not be valid.

#### 6.7 Settlements of Disputes

All disputes arising out of or in connection with the present Agreement shall be settled by mutual understanding. However, if no amicable settlement can be arrived at, any dispute shall be arbitrated according to the rules defined by UNCITRAL (United Nations Commission on International Trade Law).

#### 6.8 Termination

6.8.1 Should either Party fail to meet its obligations, the other Party may terminate the present Agreement upon 3 (three) months' written notice to the other Party. The same will apply with respect to incidents making the realization of the Project extremely hazardous. In particular, the Partner may withdraw from the Project and cease all financial contributions if the funds it has contributed have not been directly available to the Project.

6.8.2 Upon the termination of the present Agreement, the Partner shall not use UNESCO MGIEP's name, emblem or official seal, or any abbreviation of the name of UNESCO MGIEP, for promoting the Project or any other purposes.

6.8.3 Upon the termination of the present Agreement, the Partner shall inform all relevant, past, actual or potential partners (including all persons or bodies that have been informed by the Partner of UNESCO MGIEP's participation in the Project(s)), that UNESCO MGIEP (i) has terminated its Agreement with The Partner, (ii) is no longer participating in the Project(s).

#### 6.9 Amendment

This Agreement, including this provision, may not be waived, modified or changed in any manner except by a written amendment signed by each of the parties hereto.

#### 6.10 Non-Exclusivity

It is understood that this Agreement does not confer the Partner any exclusivity regarding activities such as those covered by this Agreement, and the Partner accepts

that UNESCO MGIEP is currently collaborating on similar activities worldwide with other partners.

#### Article 7 – Notification

7.1 The addresses for service of notices under the present Agreement shall be:

For UNESCO MGIEP:

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**REGISTRAR**  
**University of Allahabad**  
**Prayagraj**

Witnesses

1. *Archana Chaudhary*  
*Archana*
2. *Nandini Chatterjee*  
*Nandini*

Witnesses

1. *R.Kar*  
(*Bhoomika R. Kar*)
2. *Shiv Kumar Sharma*  
**[SHIV KUMAR SHARMA]**

7.2 Each Party shall inform the other Party immediately of any modification of the above address.

#### Article 8 – Duration

The present Framework Agreement enters into force upon signature by the parties, and remains in force until 31 Dec 2025. Three months before the date of expiration of this Agreement, the Parties will mutually decide on whether or not to extend the present Agreement.

Done in two original copies  
with English as the language of the official text

*NKH*  
For and on behalf of UoA:

**REGISTRAR**  
**University of Allahabad**  
**Prayagraj**

*[Signature]*  
For UNESCO MGIEP:

Dated: *11th December 2023*

