



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)



Joint Statement of Collaboration

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on **31 December 2025**, at **New Delhi, India**, between:

Pravasi Setu Foundation (PSF),

A Section 8 not-for-profit research and policy think tank based in India, working on Indian migration and diaspora studies,

AND

Girmitiya Foundation (GF),

Girmitiya Foundation is an Indian non-governmental organisation dedicated to supporting descendants of the Girmitiya (indentured labour) diaspora by helping them trace their ancestral roots in India and preserving their history and heritage.

PSF and GF are hereinafter jointly referred to as "**the Parties.**"

Purpose of the MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for **academic, research, archival, and outreach collaboration** between the Parties, with a shared commitment to advancing knowledge, public awareness, and policy-relevant scholarship on the **Girmitiya diaspora** and related migration histories.

Areas of Collaboration

The Parties agree to collaborate in the following areas:

- 1. International Conferences and Seminars:** Joint organization of international and national conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, and academic dialogues focusing on the Girmitiya diaspora, indentured labour systems, and post-indenture trajectories.
- 2. Joint Research and Publications:** Collaborative research projects, policy briefs, reports, books, journal articles, and working papers on Girmitiya and broader Indian diaspora themes.
- 3. Archiving and Documentation:** Joint efforts to archive, document, and preserve Girmitiya history through oral histories, interviews, archival records, photographs, audio-visual materials, digital repositories, and documentary projects.
- 4. Academic and Institutional Partnerships:** Development of partnerships with universities, research institutions, libraries, archives, and cultural bodies in India and abroad.
- 5. Capacity Building and Outreach:** Engagement of researchers, students, interns, and community stakeholders through training programmes, fellowships, exhibitions, and public outreach initiatives.



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Nature of the MoU

- This MoU is **non-financial and non-exclusive** in nature.
- Any specific project, funding arrangement, or publication shall be governed by **separate written agreements** mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
- Each Party shall retain its **independent identity, governance structure, and intellectual autonomy**.

Duration

This MoU shall be valid for a period of **three (3) years** from the date of signing and may be extended or modified by mutual written consent.

Joint Commitment

Both Parties affirm their shared commitment to **ethical research practices, academic integrity, inclusivity, and historical responsibility**, and view this collaboration as a step towards strengthening global understanding of the Girmitiya legacy.

Signatories

For Pravasi Setu Foundation

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Date: 19-01-26

For Girmitiya Foundation

Name: DILIP KUMAR GIRD 
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