

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)



Swecha Andhra Pradesh

here after referred as 'Swecha AP'

&

JNTUK University College of Engineering, Vizianagaram

here after referred as 'JNTUK-UCEV'

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered this day, 21-08-2020

between **Swecha AP & JNTUK-UCEV**

The parties hereby agree on mutual cooperation for setting up and running the
Swecha Learning Centre

Swecha AP is a Not-For-Profit organization that works towards advocating the essence of Free and Open Source Software and to liberate knowledge to the commons. As a social movement, Swecha AP endeavours to create technology for society. Swecha AP is engaged in developing Students' centred learning. Swecha AP is a community of Free software enthusiasts, freelancers, students, academicians, developers and professionals.

To realize this goal, Swecha AP establishes units called 'Swecha Learning Centre (SLC)' at the University or Institution level. This SLC shall conduct programs that bridge the divide between the academic output and the industry requirement by acting as the facilitator.

Swecha, by the name, is well known as an operating system completely in Telugu, specially made for Telugu speakers.

A few initiatives by Swecha include:

- Balaswecha: An operating system for school students that has been used by students of many government schools across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.
- eSwecha: An operating system developed especially for Engineering students, which has also been adopted in many engineering colleges.
- Freedom Box: A low-cost community WiFi Network for rural India.

Additionally, Swecha AP has Courses (a course management tool), MeetUp (a video conferencing tool), Mail (mail server), Chat (Messenger) and few other self-built tools to organize and manage the training mechanism.

JNTUK-UCEV, on the other hand, aims to produce competent technically trained human resources to serve the present and future global needs by providing quality education. To realize a strong Institution by consistently maintaining State-of-the-Art Infrastructure and by building a cohesive and world-class team to provide need-based Technical Education, Research and Development through enhanced Industry Interaction is the primary concern of this MoU.

This initiative of MoU, between Swecha AP and JNTUK-UCEV, is to impart knowledge on free and open-source knowledge systems and to encourage community-based learning amongst the students and the faculty of JNTUK-UCEV.

Roles & Responsibilities

Promoting usage of Free and Open Source Software(FOSS) and providing students with required training on Free and Open Source Softwares through scheduled training programs.

The exercise follow-up will be done by Swecha AP in collaboration with academician(s) as the representative(s) from JNTUK-UCEV. The authority of Swecha Learning Centre shall be responsible for

- I. Correspondence
- II. Program Coordination
- III. Project assignment

The Programs shall be offered with specific recommendations in regards to the duration, content and regulations as recommended by the duly constituted Functional Team from both parties with the approval from Swecha Executive Committee.

JNTUK-UCEV shall facilitate a Swecha Learning Center(SLC) with the following infrastructural and human resources:

- I. An office space with computer machines
- II. Internet connection for all Swecha activities
- III. Student Volunteers
- IV. Lab(s) and Seminar Hall(s) to conduct training programs.
- V. Academician(s) and technician(s) support to run the activities
- VI. Technical infrastructure like server(s), if needed
- VII. Campus Infrastructure for organizing Swecha training programs in and around JNTUK-UCEV

Swecha AP shall provide its services to JNTUK-UCEV SLC as mentioned below:

- I. Developing and sharing the latest technology relevant to the industry through project-oriented learning activities such as camps, sprints, tech days and workshops etc., which act as the modes of transfer of technological knowledge.
- II. Access to Swecha LMS, Tech resources and services.
- III. Faculty Development Programmes on FOSS technology stack.
- IV. Social outreach programs for students and faculty.
- V. Mentorship from Swecha AP Developer Pool.

Organizational Terms for the Swecha Learning Centre

SLC Organizational Structure

An SLC Functional team needs to be established that constitutes volunteers in accordance with the Regional Functional Committee norms. The members of the SLC include students, academicians and IT professionals. All the events organized in the SLC needs to in alignment with the principles and philosophy of Swecha AP.

Swecha AP being a Not-For-Profit Organization, will be funded by JNTUK-UCEV through programs and as an honorarium for the activities conducted under JNTU-UCEV SLC.

This MoU is for knowledge transfer. The term of MoU will not cease unless it is specifically terminated by MoU Parties with sufficient cause and clear proof of non-compliance of any terms of MoU. This MoU does not create any legally binding obligations between the participants or MoU Partners.

In a rare case where a dispute arises between MoU Parties, it shall be sorted by mutual discussions or shall be as per a court of Law for settlement of disputes

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