

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE DHAHAN PRIZE FOR PUNJABI LITERATURE

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AND

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Each Party an "organization" and both Parties "the Organizations"

WHEREAS

The Dhahan Prize for Punjabi literature celebrates the rich culture and transnational heritage of Punjabi literature. It aims to inspire the creation of Punjabi literature across borders, bridging Punjabi communities around the world and promoting Punjabi literature on a global scale. The Dhahan Prize celebrates Punjabi language and literature by awarding an annual prize for excellence in Punjabi fiction. For work in the Punjabi scripts of Gurmukhi and Shahmukhi, this prize recognizes one outstanding writer with a \$ 25,000 award, as well as two finalists with awards of \$5,000. Forging meaningful relationships with writers, community organizations and educational institutions in Pakistan, India and the diaspora, the Dhahan Prize is the world's signature prize for Punjabi literary works.

AND

The vision and mission of **Punjabi University, Patiala** is to promote Punjabi language, literature, art and culture, and the development of Punjabi language as a medium of instruction and examination in various fields of study and generally for the promotion of higher education and research.

NOT THEREFORE;

The two organizations hereby enter this Memorandum of Understanding to support each other's objectives, particularly novels and short stories and seek a way to honor and recognize Punjabi authors around the world, the Organizations desire to collaborate as follows:

(1) INTENDED AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

While the Organizations intend to co-operate with respect to the foregoing activities, another Organizations will be obligated to commit funds or resources unless a specific agreement has been reached around a specific program or activity.

(2) DURATION AND NOTICE

- (a) This Memorandum of Understanding is an open-ended agreement and will not expire automatically from its commencement date unless terminated by the Organization.
- (b) Either Organization may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by providing at least 3 months' notice to the other Organization.
- (c) Both parties will review their relationship annually by developing a program and/or a calendar of activities to achieve common goals.

(3) REVISION, AMENDEMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

The Organizations may revise, amend or modify all or any part of this Memorandum of Understanding by a subsequent written Memorandum of understanding. Such revision, amendment or modification, if mutually agreed upon, shall come into effect on such date as determined by the Organization.

The Organizations will collaborate with respect to the following activities:

- (a) Support and assist each other in translation and transliteration with the intention to carry out promotional activities in India and Canada and elsewhere.
- (b) Dhahan Prize will promote Punjabi University, Patiala and Punjabi University, Patiala will promote Dhahan Prize through conferences, events and publications.
- (c) To inspire the creation of Punjabi literature across borders, bridging Punjabi communities around the world and promoting Punjabi literature on a global scale, as well as encourage and support the literary works of emerging and established writers in the two scripts, Gurmukhi and Shahmukhi.
- (d) To develop exchange programs for writers, inviting and hosting writers, academics and artists from all over the world in Canada and India to create a network of scholars with a similar focus.
- (e) Review of other possible areas of cooperation

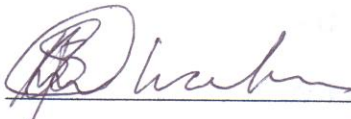
(4) USE OF TRADE NAMES


The name, crests and logos of each Organization are the intellectual property of the Organization and may not be used without the Organization's express written permission on each specific usage. The clauses of MoU will be applicable to the literature published after entering into MoU.

Dated 5 day of July 2018

For Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature

For Punjabi University, Patiala


Barj Dhahan, President & Founder


Dr. B.S. Ghuman, Vice-Chancellor